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# The Editor's Page

## "Little Women"

Students of literature among our readers may recognize the picture on the cover of this month's *SILENT WORKER* as the "Little Women" made famous in the classic of the same name by Louisa M. Alcott.

The girls in this picture are members of the Junior Class at the California School for the Deaf at Berkeley, who will take the leading role when "Little Women" is to be presented at the school on April 11 as the Annual Junior Play. At the top, left, are Dovie Canady as *Jo* and, right, Joyce McCallon as *Meg*. Below, Marilyn Duncan as *Beth* and Paula Ball as *Amy*.

The play, given annually at the school, is sponsored by the Literary Society, under the direction of a faculty committee headed by Emil Ladner, assisted by Bernard Bragg, another member of the committee.

The Society, founded by the late Theophilus D'Estrella, noted teacher of art at the school, is one of the oldest of school literary societies. It gives the pupils valuable training in public speaking and helps them develop poise in public. It is in such organizations as this that pupils receive instruction and practice in proper and graceful use of the sign language.

These girls have made numerous public appearances in demonstration programs conducted by Superintendent Elwood A. Stevenson at meetings of business and school groups throughout Northern California. They are among the top students at the school, and all are preparing to continue their education at Gallaudet College.

## A Television Program

We have learned that the CBS "Big Town" program was to release a half-hour TV film entitled "Justice is Mute" on Thursday, March 18, 1954. It will also appear at a later date on "Heart of the City." Information on the film is meager, but it is said to be about a deaf man and the problems he encounters after being involved in an automobile accident.

By the time this issue of *THE SILENT WORKER* is in the hands of our readers, the date of the broadcast will have passed. It is hoped, though, that many readers saw the program, and if they enjoyed it they are advised to write to the studios and urge them to produce more programs for or about the deaf. The address is Gross-Krasne, Inc., California Studios, 650 North Bronson Ave., Los Angeles 4, Calif. By writing to the studios and expressing our opinions we

can all help make television more interesting for the deaf, and at the same time we can get the studios interested in telling the true story of the deaf.

## Civil Defense

In practically every sizeable community there is a Civil Defense set-up, effective to a greater or less degree—and sadly treated as a matter of course by too many people. Civil defense represents the efforts of a government conscious of the welfare of its people and eager to prepare them for disaster in any form. Civil Defense embraces not only training in what to do in the event of atomic warfare, but also what to do when natural calamities occur such as tornado, flood, cyclone, fire and any major disaster.

It is the desire of the government that all the people be trained. We have not yet noticed any particular attention being given to the deaf as a group. Perhaps the trouble has been with the deaf in that they have not clamored for recognition so far, or they have been too busy with other things. In an effort to alleviate this rather dangerous situation for the deaf, the NAD, through its Home Office and Service Bureau, has had considerable correspondence and numerous conferences with Civil Defense authorities throughout the country.

The many clubs for the deaf throughout America afford an excellent opportunity through which the deaf may learn about Civil Defense. To undertake such a project would be a real service for the club to render its members. It would also provide a valuable addition to club schedules and perhaps a welcome diversion from the routine. One evening a month could be set aside as Civil Defense night and an attractive program made up. A Civil Defense Committee should be formed to take care of this project.

Because of the fact that Civil Defense is managed mostly at the local level, it has been difficult to make any nationwide arrangements. Each locality has its own particular problems and it is thought best to keep this in mind at all times. Therefore, the first step should be to acquaint the local Civil Defense authorities with the plans of your group to take up Civil Defense. In most cases they should be glad to cooperate, but if they should not the NAD will step in and gain recognition for your group. We know where to apply the pressure to produce results.

The NAD, as a service to all clubs, is in position to provide literature to help them develop an adequate Civil Defense

program. All they need to do is write to the NAD Home Office.

## Bound Volumes Ready

The fifth volume of *THE SILENT WORKER* has been prepared for binding and subscribers who ordered bound volumes will receive them very soon, if they have not received them before this reaches them. There was considerable delay in assembling all the separate copies for binding, for various reasons, which were unavoidable. One subscriber's set was lost in the mails and has yet to be found. Subscribers who ordered bound volumes may rest assured that they are now on the way.

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# ORDER OF DESOMS

(Deaf Sons of Master Masons)

By Elmer Long

You will read here that secret societies existed before the time of Christ, and you will find that the deaf are no exception. Here, for the first time, is a description of such a secret society organized a few years ago on the West Coast.

*"A Mystic Bond of Brotherhood Makes All Men One."*

... SIR WALTER SCOTT

In a broad sense, all men are brothers, as suggested in the above quotation. However, Sir Walter Scott hints that there may be a mystic or hidden quality in men that, if properly developed, will enable them to live harmoniously as brothers in a specific sense, rather than in a general sense.

The discovery and development of this hidden quality in men must therefore be the stimulus that makes men unite in secret fraternal organizations. Since secret societies existed even before the birth of Christ, we cannot say it is a new idea; new or old, it is nevertheless a real facet of human nature, and it is as strong in the minds of modern men as it was two thousand years ago.

One of the oldest fraternal organizations in existence is that international brotherhood known as Free and Accepted Masons. While Masonry is a secret society, anyone who troubles to investigate may discover that its entire existence is built around a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, and in the immortality of the soul. Since this is also the basic teaching of all religions,

Freemasonry is, in that regard, the greater brotherhood, for men of all races and religious creeds find a common meeting place of the minds within its framework.

Deaf men the world over have yearned to share in the brotherhood enjoyed by Freemasons. For reasons of their own, however, and in accordance with the ancient rules of the craft, Masons have consistently excluded the deaf from their membership.

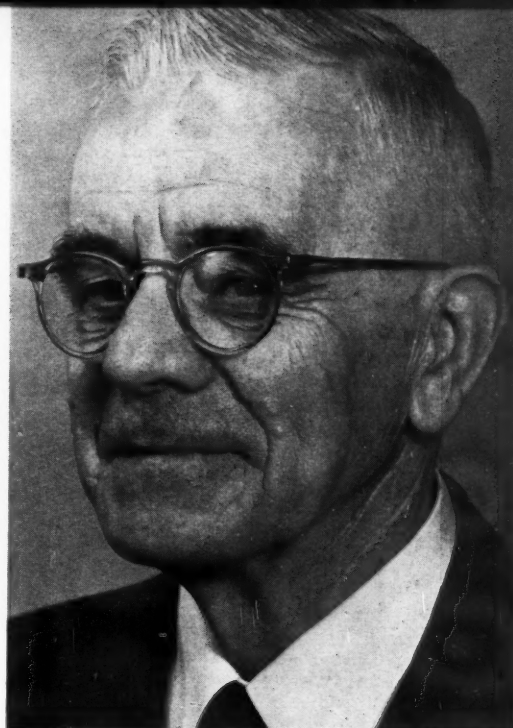
## Founding of the Order of Desoms

Hugo A. Holcombe is one of those deaf men who have always harbored a desire to become a Freemason. In 1942, upon his retirement after thirty-two years of service with the Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington, Holcombe and his wife moved to the small town of Puyallup, Washington. In those desperate days of World War II, however, when manpower was at a premium, the word "retirement" took on an unpopular flavor.

So, when Holcombe learned that the local Masonic Temple was seeking a custodian, he saw a dual opportunity — to engage once again in a useful occupation, and to associate with members of a Fraternity which he had long admired.

Little did he realize that, instead of ending his days as a handy-man, he was actually commencing his life's greatest work. For out of the warm friendship that developed with prominent Masons in Washington, the Order of Desoms was born.

Hugo A. Holcombe is a mild-mannered little man of not more than five



HUGO A. HOLCOMBE

and a half feet in height. He isn't the type that stands out in a crowd. Except for his thick, white hair, one would never know that he is past three-score and ten years in age. He is possessed of an innate sense of humor and a warm feeling of friendship that goes out to all who meet him.

Within a few months after he took the job at the Masonic Temple in Puyallup, Holcombe was on intimate terms with several Master Masons. His warm nature and his healthy curiosity about all things pertaining to Masonry won their high regard. Recognizing the apparent impossibility of his ever being admitted to Masonry, because of his lack of hearing, he conceived the idea of forming a small group of selected deaf men to establish a lodge that would be patterned after Masonic Principles as nearly as they know how. Thus, though he might never become a Mason, he could, perhaps, achieve some degree of the principles of brotherhood that are enjoyed by Freemasons.

When Holcombe half-heartedly broached his idea to the secretary of the local Masonic Lodge, he was amazed at the warmth with which the idea was received. By all means, was the reply, such an Order could be formed, and not only that, his Masonic friends would be only too glad to help him with the technical details of organization!

Some of the members of Seattle Desoms Lodge No. 1, L. to R.: John T. Bodley, J. Bryan Wilson, Gwyn Price, N. C. Garrison, Hugo Holcombe, A. W. Wright, LeRoy Hays, LeRoy Bradbury, Glen Clark, Max Shepard, Holger Jensen, Sterling Summers, Frank Mallory.





Charter members of Seattle Lodge: LeRoy Bradbury, Hugo Holcombe, John T. Bodley, N. C. Garrison. At right is Carl Spencer, another charter member, who was absent when the picture was taken. He passed away on December 9 of a heart attack.

From that day on, a new life began for Hugo A. Holcombe. On March 31, 1946, he invited five other deaf men, whom he knew to be similarly interested, to meet with him in the secretary's office at the Masonic Temple in Puyallup, Washington. Present at the historic meeting, besides Holcombe, were N. C. Garrison, Carl Spencer\* LeRoy Bradbury, John T. Bodley and Clair Reeves. In addition, Mr. Garnet I. Sovereign, a Master Mason and Past Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 38, F. & A. M., was present in an advisory capacity.

At this meeting, it was decided to call the new organization "Deaf Sons of Master Masons," and that only close

\* As this article was being prepared, Carl Spencer succumbed to a heart attack at the home of relatives in Tempe, Arizona.

relatives by blood or marriage to Master Masons in good standing would be eligible for membership. At a subsequent meeting, the word "Desoms" was created, which is derived from the first two letters of the word "deaf," the first two letters of the word "sons," and the first and last letters of the word "Masons." Shortly after its inception the new organization was incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington as "Order of Desoms."

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A few Master Masons in Seattle, hearing of the new Order meeting in the Lodge rooms of the Puyallup Masonic Temple, came to see and stayed to help. One of the first rules passed by the Desoms was that the Desomic Lodge would always extend a hearty welcome to visiting Master Masons. A committee, consisting of Holcombe, N. C. Garrison and A. W. Wright, was chosen to draw up the constitution and

by-laws. The Masons whose interest had been aroused offered many constructive ideas for the Desomic laws and organization that were in keeping with Masonic rules. A membership committee was formed to screen and investigate all applicants for proof of Masonic affiliation, character and general worthiness.

Word of the Desoms soon filtered down the coast to Los Angeles. Frank L. Bush, well-known among the deaf in Chicago and in Los Angeles, became the first Californian to join the Order of Desoms. Within a few months five more Angelenos had joined the Order. While vacationing in the northwest, Bush met with Holcombe personally and studied the organization and activities of the Seattle Lodge. Shortly after, the six Angelenos petitioned for, and received, a charter for the forming of their own lodge, which became known as Los Angeles Lodge No. 2. Charter members

Some members of Los Angeles Lodge No. 2. Left to right: Art Sherman, Edward P. Dore, Norman A. Kendall, Peter M. Barthe, Frank L. Bush, Wallace K. Gibson, J. Duncan Fea, Charles F. Dore, Elmer F. Long, Clarence H. Doane, Ellsworth E. Davis, Milton M. Miller.



were Frank L. Bush, Wallace K. Gibson, Charles F. Dore, Clarence H. Doane, Milton M. Miller and J. Duncan Fea.

These pioneers in the Desomic Order, both in Seattle and in Los Angeles, were men of serious purpose who devoted themselves tirelessly to creating an organization for the deaf which while not Masonic in scope, would nevertheless follow Masonic ideals as closely as possible. The knowledge that Master Masons in the state of Washington were giving their active support and cooperation was so heartening to these deaf men that they gave unstintingly of their time, and considerable of their own money, to insure the success of the venture. The Order of Desoms could not have survived without them.

#### Desoms Today

The Order of Desoms is still a small organization, by any standards. There are perhaps fifty members in all, divided between the two Lodges, Seattle No. 1, and Los Angeles No. 2. However, the birth pangs of the Order are over. The constitution and by-laws provides for a progressive future. One very significant factor is that more and more interest is being shown by people far from the West Coast. Inquiries have been received from as far east as Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and widely divergent points in the South and Southwest.

The constitution provides that five or more members in any one locality may petition for a charter to form their own Lodge, and that after three Lodges are organized, a Grand Lodge may come into existence with jurisdiction over the entire Order.

Three members of THE SILENT WORKER staff are Desoms. Seattle Division No. 44, of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, has five members

with the 34th degree. All five of these men are Desoms, and in the Los Angeles Division No. 27 of the same Society, about one-half of the holders of the 34th degree are also members of the Order of Desoms. The majority of Desoms are, or have been, active leaders in the deaf world.

The official publication of the Order, *The Desomic News*, was established in 1952 with N. C. Garrison of Seattle as editor, A. W. Wright (Seattle), J. Duncan Fea and Ellsworth Davis (Los Angeles) as Associate Editors. Editor Garrison prints the little paper in his own shop every third month.

The *Desomic News*, perhaps more than any other source, provides the outsider to the Order with an idea of what the Order of Desoms stands for. In addition, it provides an invaluable service to the members in that it is a constant reminder of the Desomic ideals which they are sworn to uphold.

#### What People Say About the Desoms

As previously stated, Master Masons in and about Seattle were more than helpful in establishing the Order. Mr. G. I. Sovereign, Past Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 38, Puyallup, Washington, who was present at the original organizational meeting in 1946, has this to say: "... I feel sure that the Order will ... be a credit to the country and fill a long-felt need in the lives of its members. Although not a Masonic Order, all Master Masons are more than welcome at their meetings, and I feel sure every Master Mason who attends any of their meetings will be fully repaid for his time and effort, and will be a better Mason because of the visit."

The following gives an insight into the character of Hugo A. Holcombe, whose influence is felt throughout every phase of Desomic activity:

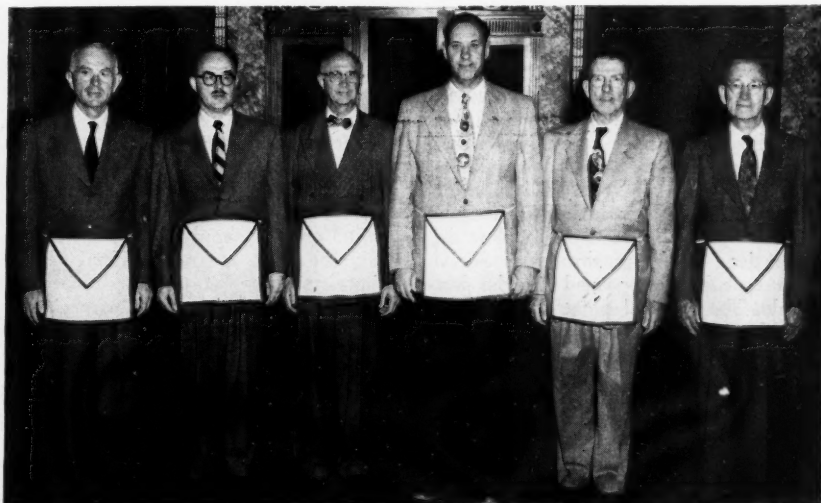
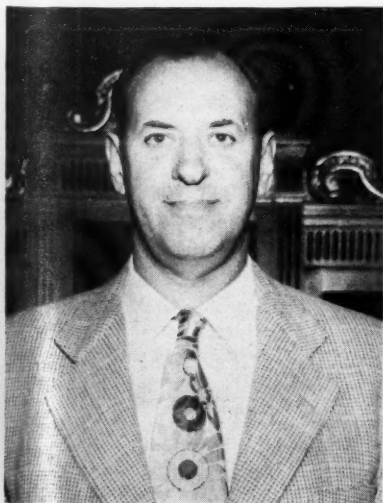
"I know him (Holcombe) to be an ambitious, hard worker with a keen sense of humor. The only thing I ever knew to put a scare in him was an earthquake, and that was a so-called act of God. The time, effort and study he put in to get the Order of Desoms going would be difficult if not impossible to measure, and I am sure he enjoyed every minute of it. He is probably one of the most conscientious men I have ever known. One might gather from the above that I like the guy — well, I do!"

(signed) J. A. Lenfesty, Sec'y  
Corinthian Lodge No. 38, F.&A.M.  
Puyallup, Washington

In the deaf world at large, opinion is more varied. The average deaf person will, perhaps, have heard of the Order or Desoms, but knows very little about it. Some think it is a Deaf Lodge of Masons, which it distinctly is not. Others have a vague idea that it is a Fraternal Insurance group similar to the National Fraternal Society for the Deaf — again, they could not be farther from the truth.

These misunderstandings arise, of course, from the nature of the organization. It is secret in scope, and, as in Masonry after which it was patterned, its members are expressly forbidden by the constitution from soliciting new members, or in any way exerting undue influence on their friends in joining. Its standards of entrance are high. The candidate for admission (called a petitioner) must be above reproach in every aspect of his life. His past and present life is scrutinized thoroughly for any incident that might indicate general moral or character weaknesses. This, of course, is for the protection of the future of the Order. An unethical

Right, charter members of Los Angeles Lodge. Left to right: Charles F. Dore, J. Duncan Fea, Wallace K. Gibson, Frank L. Bush, Clarence H. Doane, Milton M. Miller. At left is Frank L. Bush, leading spirit and founder of the Los Angeles Lodge.





or illegal act by one of its members could reflect upon the entire brotherhood and undo in a few days the work of the men who have striven to give the Order the high reputation it enjoys today.

#### The Lighter Side

All work and no play is as dull for an organization as for an individual. Desoms, outside the Lodge, are as fun-loving as anyone. Frequently, social get-togethers are held after the Lodge meetings, at which wives of the members are present and refreshments are served. Members of Los Angeles Lodge No. 2, who meet monthly at the Hollywood Masonic Temple in Downtown Hollywood, have formed the custom of going to a nearby Italian restaurant for an after-meeting snack and talk. These sessions often last for more than an hour, and range in subject from politics and religion to psychology and science. (Incidentally, the two subjects of politics and religion are forbidden within the Lodge.)

Each Lodge customarily holds an annual banquet, usually in February or March, to which wives and friends of members are invited. Los Angeles banquets have always been held at the Los Angeles Athletic Club and are inevitably a gala affair with toasts, speech-making, and entertainment.

Since the Order of Desoms lists Charity as one of its many aims, a word on the subject will not be amiss. The Los Angeles Lodge maintains a Scholarship Committee to study the possibility of establishing a Scholarship Fund, which will be used to help deserving deaf students through college. Los Angeles has cooperated with other local groups in fund-raising benefits for the California Home for the Aged Deaf. The charitable activities of the entire Order are, of course, limited by its small membership, but foundations for further activity along this line are being continually improved upon.

The Order of Desoms does not reject any candidate for membership on religious grounds (except atheists). However, it is known that certain religious groups are unalterably opposed to their members joining secret societies. This fact is very carefully pointed out to candidates of the Order, and the choice then lies with the individual.

The Order of Desoms is growing. Its growth will undoubtedly be slow in comparison to the mushrooming social clubs that have appeared in the last decade. The tropical plant that sprouts and blooms in a few hours, in a few hours more has disappeared from the face of the earth. The Order of Desoms might better be likened to the mighty Redwood tree of the West Coast which has taken centuries to mature, but will continue to endure, indomitably, for centuries to come.

## QUESTIONS AND OPINIONS

on

### Parliamentary Procedure

By Edwin M. Hazel

Qualified Parliamentarian, Member, the National Association of Parliamentarians and the Chicago Association of Parliamentarians



March, 1954

Q. Should the Vice-President call the meeting to order on time if the President is very late?

A. Yes. He should preside and carry on the meeting until the President appears. It would be better for the Vice-President to wait a few minutes, say 10 minutes, before calling the meeting to order.

Q. Suppose the Vice-President presides during the absence of the President, may any action be reversed by the President when he appears later in the evening or at the following meetings?

A. NO.

Q. Should the Chair be seated after recognizing a member to speak or to make a motion?

A. Yes. Not only this but he should listen attentively to what is being said as all remarks are addressed to him in the presence of the audience and he should see to it that every action is in the correct procedure.

Q. May the Chair (whether he is the President or a Vice-President or a temporary chairman) vote to make or break a tie vote?

A. Yes, except when the vote is by ballot, in which case he may cast his ballot only BEFORE the canvass of ballots begins.

Q. May the Chair vote, first to make a tie vote and then to cast the deciding vote?

A. NO.

Q. Should the President leave his station during an election if he is a candidate for re-election?—George W.

A. It is not required, but is sometimes advisable.

Q. Must the Chair recognize a member who may desire to make a nominating speech?

A. Yes, unless the member, the nomination, or the speech is clearly out of order. Members should be permitted to obtain the floor, make additional nominations and present the qualifications of their candidates. In fact, general debate relevant to the election is in order until the polls are opened. In other words, several members may make speeches advocating the election of the same candidate. The opponents, however, must NEVER attack a nominee. They should only make speeches in favor of their candidates. No derogatory

remarks about any candidates are in order. Avoid personalities.

Q. Should the Chair stand when stating a question (motion), putting a question to vote, announcing the result of vote, and speaking on a question of order (point of order, request for information or parliamentary inquiry) while presiding?—R.N.G.

A. Yes.

Q. Is the President of a club always ex-officio a member of all committees?—W. R.

A. No except by a provision in the by-laws. In many organizations the by-laws state that the President shall be ex-officio a member of all committees. If so, he may attend all committee meetings and take part in their meetings whenever he cares to, so that he may be familiar with their work and influence their actions. But his attendance is not compulsory and he is not counted in constituting a quorum. However, it may be advisable to make the President ex-officio a member of all standing committees (except the nominating committee). The right to vote is granted. But if it is intended that he be not allowed to vote, a provision should be made: "The President shall be ex-officio a member of all standing committees (except the nominating committee), but without the right to vote."

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During the course of a club meeting, a little member in a front row seat repeatedly protested the Chair's rulings, often interrupting the speakers on the floor. After the Chair had repeatedly explained his rulings, he decided to ignore the little member. Much to the dismay of all, the little one continued his protests. Suddenly, a voice in the rear addressed the Chair, "Mr. President, tell that cuss to sit down and keep quiet." The little member jumped to his feet and whirled to face his opponent, his eyes spitting fire. Seeing no one standing, he challenged, "Who said that?" A brute of a member, a 6-foot 210-pound former prize fighter arose, threw out his chest and flexed his powerful muscles. He smiled amusedly and, staring into the other's eyes, replied: "I did." After a tense moment the little member turned and faced the Chair, "Mr. President," he stammered, er-er "Mr. Chairman, sir, I second the motion."

# THE LYNN'S VISIT ALASKA

By Grace and Sam Lynn  
as told to Edith Chandler

HAVING A MARRIED DAUGHTER living in Anchorage, Alaska, with a baby boy they had never seen, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lynn's thoughts had been turning toward the "Land of the Midnight Sun" for quite a while before they had a chance to visit the frozen Northwest area which is clamoring to become the 49th state of our great Union. The trip proved a new experience and was wonderful and inspiring.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn left the sweltering city of Knoxville, Tennessee, on June 11th at 10:45 by plane and within two days were throwing snow balls at each other at the foot of Alaskan glaciers.

Delayed at Lexington by storms in the Cincinnati-Chicago area, they missed their connections along the entire route. But this proved an advantage to them because the Northwest Airlines placed limousines at their disposal for sight seeing trips, served them meals at airports and otherwise made their stops pleasant and profitable.

At Chicago they were taken aboard a great Boeing double-decked Stratocruiser. The air in these large airplanes

is pressurized to allow them to fly at very high altitudes. The two stewards were pleasantly attentive and instructed them in the use of the life preservers attached to the backs of all the seats.

They travelled all night to Seattle, arriving at that city at 3:15 a.m. The airplane to Alaska had departed so they put up at the Roosevelt Hotel and went sight seeing. Returning to the airport in the evening, they boarded the 5:30 plane for Alaska. Soon they were riding over snow-capped mountains above the beautiful clouds and in brilliant sunshine. The passengers were all excited at the marvelous scenery to be seen from the windows. They arrived at Anchorage at eight o'clock (Anchorage time) and met their daughter, Mrs. Carr Hart, and new grandson, Tommy. Mr. Hart is a supervisor with CAA. They went by car to the city of Anchorage and to the very modern apartment house where Dorothy lives.

Anchorage was pleasantly cool and they had no need of the fur coats and boots their friends had warned them to take along. The sun rose at 2:30 in the morning and set at eleven in the evening, giving them only three hours of complete darkness in which to enjoy profound slumber. They had to learn to sleep in the daylight.

The long sunrises and sunsets were brilliant and beautiful. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn say they felt a great spiritual uplift watching these inspiring spectacles. They saw many Eskimos on the streets. White women drove busses. They wear slacks every day except on Sundays.

*It wasn't many years ago when anyone who set out upon a journey to the next state was engaged in a great adventure, and he returned home to tell his children and his neighbors of the wonders he had seen. The automobile, the railroads, and the airplane, have changed all that, but they haven't taken the thrills from travel. Here is a travel story by a couple who went to Alaska, a place where few of our deaf go.*



Mr. and Mrs. Lynn waiting to board Northwest Airlines flight for Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn took many trips along broad highways to the various mountain glaciers and parks around Anchorage. Many wild flowers are cultivated to add beauty to the scenery and they saw acres of golden dandelions, pink water lillies and fireweed. There were many dwarf dogwood growing on Mt. McKinley.

On July 1st Mr. and Mrs. Lynn went by a staggered railroad up Mt McKinley where they stayed at the Government Hotel for three days. Going on sightseeing bus trips, they saw mountain sheep and goats and some ground squirrels. The scenery of these high peaks and deep valleys was stupendous. While there Mr. Lynn took a ride on a dog sled drawn by five huskies. The huskies flew so fast over the snow that Mrs. Lynn decided not to take the ride.

On July 9th a pilot saw Mt. Spur, Mt. Torbet and another volcano beginning to erupt. Airplanes were warned not to enter the country; those already caught were covered with tarpaulins. Mr. Hart flew his private plane, a Piper Cub, out of the area. Fine volcanic ash fell like snow. By noon it was as black as midnight. People were frightened and thought they would never see the sun again. In midafternoon it cleared a little but the sun could not get through for three days. Three inches of fine ash covered streets and yards. This is fine to enrich gardens but it will take a year to clear it off streets and buildings. Mr. Lynn has a small jar of the ash, which is as fine as sugar and heavy as lead.

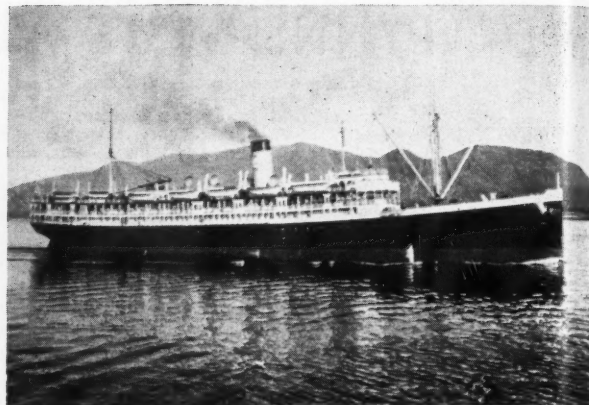
Leaving Anchorage on July 23rd, the

Mansion of the governor of the territory of Alaska, included in the many sightseeing trips the Lynns made while in Alaska.





View of the Chuguch Mountains, seen by the Lynns in Alaska.



The S. S. Aleutian, on which the Lynns returned from Alaska.

Lynns travelled by rail to Seward, a distance of 114 miles. Seward is at the base of Bear and Marathon mountains and is the gateway city to Alaska's interior. It boasts it has Alaska's finest deep water port. The next day they boarded the steamship Aleutian. They occupied a bedroom on this steamer, which has space for 308 first class passengers, being 416 feet in length.

Next morning they were up very early for breakfast in order to have plenty of time to see Columbia glacier. The steamship approached to within about 300 feet of the glacier and remained near it for 20 minutes. All the passengers were excited and many took advantage of the wonderful chance to use cameras to record their visit to the glacier. The cold air blowing off the glacier was penetrating and there were many small icebergs floating by.

From the glacier the ship steamed west, arriving at the town of Valdez at 9:30 a.m., where it remained until 5 p.m., giving Mr. and Mrs. Lynn time for a visit by taxi to Thompson Pass and to Worthington glacier, where they saw a waterfall 1200 feet high.

Back aboard the ship, the Lynns arrived the next day at Juneau, capital of the territory of Alaska. They took side trips to famous Mendenhall glacier

and Auke lake, which is about 14 miles from Juneau. They also visited the Governor's two-story frame mansion which has two totem poles flanking the front doors. Juneau is a clean and pretty town, with a population of about 5,000. The climate of Juneau was pleasant in July — about 60 degrees.

The ship left Juneau at 1:30 for the run through the Inside Passage to Ketchikan. In the trip through the Inside Passage, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn saw many porpoises playing around the sides of the ship and they enjoyed their antics as well as the acrobatics of the gulls which swooped and circled overhead.

They stayed in Ketchikan for several hours, where they walked about the streets and looked at the many large totem poles placed along them. These poles are about 20 feet high and are carved into weird figures.

The trip from Ketchikan to Seattle included the last night of the voyage and at dinner everyone aboard was provided with party hats for the occasion. After dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn went into the music room to watch the "Parade of Hats." About thirty women took part, wearing hats made of newspapers, etc., and trimmed with vegetables or whatever was handy. There were three judges who made awards for the prettiest and the most comical hats worn by the ladies. Besides the prizes the winners got, they also got kissed by the pursers of the ship.

Altogether, the Lynns were on the Aleutian for six days and enjoyed themselves so much that they left it with reluctance when it docked at Seattle.

From Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn began the long trip back across the continent by air to their home in Knoxville, Tennessee. Glad to be home, they felt as if they had been around the world, visiting the territory which not

so many years ago was terrible and forbidding — but which our military installations and airplanes have made accessible.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn, although elderly, have a great zest for life. They are both active church workers and take part in welfare work for the deaf. Both are graduates of the Tennessee School for the Deaf. Mr. Lynn attended Gallaudet College and is an architect who has designed many of the pretty homes in and around Knoxville. Mrs. Lynn is a talented home maker with a hobby of hooked rug making, in which she does very beautiful work. She is a gracious hostess and her parties are always attended by the elite among the deaf people of Knoxville.



Left, the Lynns' home in Knoxville, Tenn. Right, an Alaskan totem pole, one of many the Lynns saw on their trip.





# Schools for the Deaf

R. K. Holcomb

## The Rhode Island School

By Margaret H. Gruver

ON APRIL 2, 1953, the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, in Providence, celebrated its 76th anniversary as a state supported school. This school, as well as many other schools for the deaf, was founded through interest in one particular child. However, R. I. can boast that the child who was the instrument leading to the establishment of its deaf school, was the Governor's daughter.

Jeanne Lippett, daughter of Governor Henry Lippett, became deaf at the age of four from scarlet fever. Since, at that time, there were no provisions in the state for educating deaf children, Jeannie's mother became her teacher.

Mrs. Lippett taught Jeannie to speak, and, when a bill proposing the establishment of a state school for the deaf, came before the legislature, Jeannie spoke to the General Assembly urging its passage.

Her excellent speech impressed upon them the fact that the deaf could be taught to speak, and an Act of Legislature creating a state school for the deaf was passed.

A private class, started the year before, then became state supported, and in just one year's time, the enrollment increased so rapidly that two more teachers were needed.

For fifteen years a private residence was utilized as a school, but the number of pupils continued to grow and soon the facilities were inadequate. In 1891 land was purchased at the present location, and construction of the new school was begun in 1892.

The school moved to its new quarters on January 1, 1893.

By that time Jeannie Lippett had become Mrs. William Weedon, and was a valued member of the board of trustees, a position she held until 1906. Her interest in the school remained keen until her death.

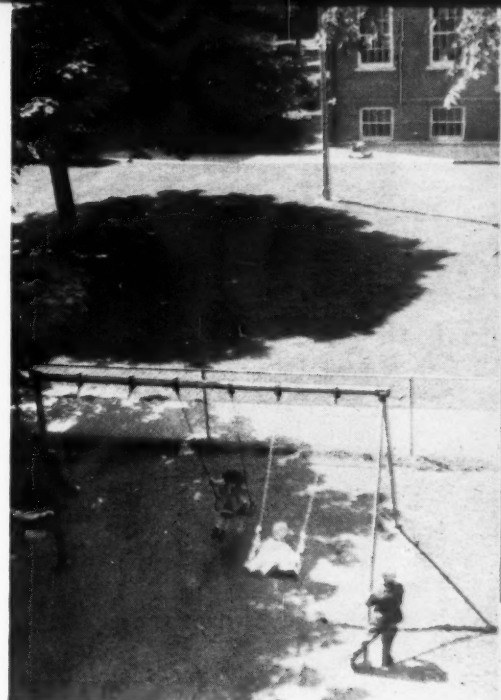
In 1940, when the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf met in Providence, Mrs. Weedon spoke to the convention, and the clarity of her speech and the import of her words were an inspiration to everyone present.

Sixty years in its "new" location, have seen the Rhode Island School grow from one building to five. Much of the building was done during the administration of Mrs. Ann Currey Hurd, the sixth principal. Under the present principal, John Yale Crouter, an addition to the main building was made and a new building was built, housing the gymnasium and vocational department.

The present plant consists of a main building, which contains the dormitories, dining room and other living quarters; the school house; a residence for the teachers and the principal's family; a power house; and the aforementioned combination gym and vocational building.

Despite the age of the buildings, ranging from 18 to 60 years, they are in excellent repair, and brightly painted interiors continue to perpetuate Mrs. Hurd's avowed ambition to make the Rhode Island School as little as possible like an "institution."

It is simple to trace the history of an organization through its physical construction, its purchasing of grounds



A view of the play yard, with the vocational building in the background. Picture taken from the schoolhouse.

and equipment. However, as clothes do not make the man, so buildings do not make the school, important as clothes are to the man, and equipment to a school. Rhode Island is especially proud of its staff, and the continuity of its growth as it is reflected in its personnel.

Mrs. Weedon's place on the Board was filled by Mrs. Richard W. Jennings, who became a faithful friend of the school through Mrs. Hurd's administration, and into Mr. Crouter's.

The school year 1953-54 finds ten members of the staff who served under Mrs. Hurd, and one of these, Mr. Fritz Ruckdeschel, was a member of the class of 1909, whose history of the school lies in the cornerstone of the school building.

The continuity of personnel illustrates concretely the major educational philosophy of the present administration: hold fast to the proven good, while experimenting with new ideas, and testing them.

Left, boys from the advanced horticulture class stand at the front of the main building after removing old shrubbery and replanting. Right, the boys plant a rock garden at rear of main building.





Advanced woodworking. Boys must choose piece of furniture, draw up plans, and make the article in order to graduate.

Three beliefs dominate the policies of the Rhode Island school: that education should begin as soon as deafness is determined, that the deaf may be taught to speak, and that the future of deaf adults is limited only by basic intelligence.

Mrs. Hurd was a pioneer in nursery school education. One year she traveled to Europe to study with the famous educator, Madame Montessori, and introduced her ideas to the education of the deaf in this country.

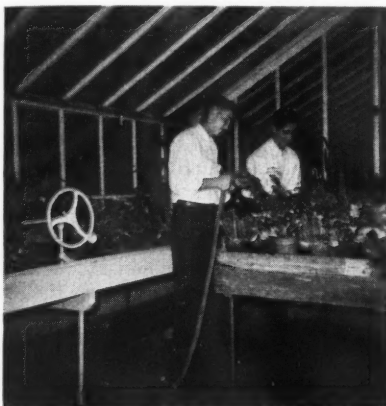
At that time most educators agreed that the mind of a deaf child could not be reached until the age of seven or eight, and that there was nothing to be done before that age. Now the school accepts children at the age of three, and is advising parents on home training for any child under that age dis-

covered to be deaf. Out of a present enrollment of 115, 35 children are under the age of 7. Their minds are not being allowed to "lie fallow," as an esteemed educator of a by-gone era once advised.

The Rhode Island School for the Deaf offers education for its deaf children, from nursery through the ninth grade, but that is not necessarily the end of the road.

Like most schools, Rhode Island offers an academic program and a vocational program. At approximately the age of 15, a child is placed on a program predominantly vocational or academic.

To graduate academically he must complete ninth grade work. To graduate vocationally he must complete fifth grade work in the academic subjects, and the prescribed vocational work. For boys the major emphasis is woodworking, mechanical drawing and horticulture. For girls the home making arts are emphasized.



Horticulture boys in the greenhouse.

After graduation what? For many it means a job, for others further education. Rhode Island is exceedingly proud of its graduates who have gone on to higher education. Since 1952 50% of its graduates have entered high schools for the hearing, and of that number 50% have graduated. About half of these have gone to college.

It must be pointed out that these figures are not over-weighted with children who might be classed as hard of hearing. Of the recent graduates who are in high school or college at this time 80% are so deaf that they cannot understand speech through hearing alone. We are especially proud of one boy, totally deaf, who is a sixty-minute guard on the present University of Rhode Island football team. Only last year an article in one of the periodicals on the education of the deaf stated that football with a hearing team was closed to the deaf.

On the average about 50% of enter-



Birthday party in the nursery. Miss Sophia Alcorn is the adult.

Mr. John Yale Crouter, Principal of the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, and Miss Margaret Gruver, assistant principal, are both members of families who have been actively engaged in the education of the deaf. Mr. Crouter is one of the third generation of educators and Miss Gruver is one of the second.

Mr. Crouter is a son of the late Dr. A. L. E. Crouter, former superintendent of the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, and one of the most beloved and respected figures in the education of the deaf.

Mr. Crouter began his career in the Pittsburgh school in 1923 as a teacher, and during the summer of 1924 studied with his great-aunt, Miss Caroline Yale, in Northampton, Massachusetts. It was that same year that he married Miss Florence Lewis, also a teacher of the deaf. Both continued in teaching after their marriage, and in 1927 Mr. Crouter was appointed assistant principal of the Lexington School in New York City.

In 1932 Mr. Crouter became principal of the Rhode Island School, a position which he still holds.

He is the father of one child, a daughter, JoAnne.

Miss Gruver, daughter of the late Dr. E. A. Gruver was, like Mr. Crouter, born in a school for the deaf. She lived successively in Rome, New York, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Philadelphia, in schools where her father was superintendent.

In 1933 she trained as a teacher in Mt. Airy, and taught there until 1943 when she took a similar position in Rhode Island. She became assistant principal in 1945 upon the retirement of Miss Eugenia Welsh.

Mr. Crouter received his AB from New York University, and his Educ. Masters from Harvard. Miss Gruver graduated from Wheaton College.

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Boys in art class working on a mural to be used as decoration at Halloween party.

ing pupils graduate, and of that number about half go on to high schools for the hearing. We have found that our percentage in this respect is higher than that of the hearing children of this state.

What happens to those children who do not graduate, or who do not go on in their education? Most get jobs.

Rhode Island is predominantly industrial, and our graduates have made excellent records. As a result the deaf have less trouble selling themselves than in some other localities. There has never been the necessity for a state employment office for the deaf, for they have been able to get employment on their own, or through regular established agencies. On occasion our ex-pupils take further vocational training through the Bureau of Rehabilitation. An examination of those few with employment problems shows factors such as personality difficulties, or multiple handicaps, as being the major causes of difficulty, rather than deafness *per se*.

The education a deaf child receives in Rhode Island is influenced by three basic factors: oralism, a belief in individual differences, and the size of the state.

The foundation of the school was made on the premise that the deaf can speak, and teaching by the oral method is written into the very laws of the state. The persons responsible for the education of the deaf in this state have remained steadfast in that ideal. However, the difficulties of learning to speak and read lips have never been minimized, and ways of improving the speech of the deaf are being tried constantly.

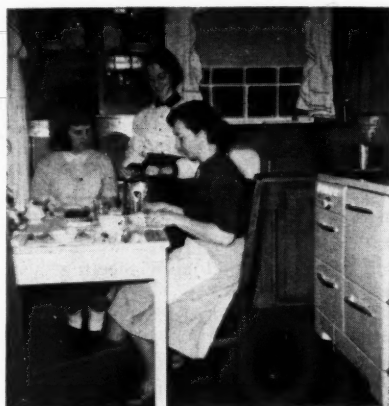
Two avenues are being employed at this time: auditory training and vibration. Nine classrooms, serving all children over 6 years of age are fitted with group aids made to our specifications by Western Electric.

They are so powerful that children who never before responded to sound

are becoming enthusiastic. Almost half our children wear individual aids, yet only 8% of our children could be classed as hard-of-hearing (able to understand speech through hearing with or without an aid).

With the constantly improving group and individual aids, more children are being reached through hearing, with sounds which are impossible to see such as k and sh.

The Rhode Island School, as well as all other state schools, is being challenged by persons new to the education of the deaf. There is a widespread movement in this country to place all deaf children in hearing schools, with an hour or two of special work in speech and lip reading. There is only one way to combat this trend, which spells tragedy to the deaf child of today, and that is more and better speech teaching, in our schools for the deaf. This goal is paramount at the Rhode Island School.



Getting breakfast in the model apartment.

Any school has children of varying mentalities. Moreover, every school has children from different backgrounds: social and emotional. The Rhode Island School attempts to fit its curriculum to suit the child, within the framework of oral instruction. Since we are a small school we cannot offer the wide variety of vocational training possible in a large school, but we earnestly try to give every child a basic mastery of techniques of every day life, to the utmost of his ability. Our approach to giving these skills is influenced by the size of the state.

The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations may be the smallest in the Union, but its size gives a social opportunity to the deaf child not found in some other states. Every child spends weekends at home. As a result he has a double-barrelled chance for social adjustments: with his hearing pals at home, and with his deaf pals at school. We feel we have the ideal combination



Entertaining "boy friends" at the model apartment.

of residential and day-school opportunities.

Our vocational program is geared to generally basic skills. For the boys woodworking with man-size power machines gives familiarity with industrial problems. Horticulture is aimed at general information, and practical training for the boy who will some day have his own home. Since Rhode Island is second in rank of states having owner-occupied homes, it is highly probable our boys will some day be home owners.

The girls concentrate on home arts. An overwhelming proportion of recent students are married. A unique feature of our vocational training for girls is our model apartment, where two girls live for a month at a time, preparing meals, cleaning and in every way living as they will in their own homes. Mrs. Fritz Ruckdeschel (nee Vera Bridger), a graduate of Gallaudet College and the Washington School for the Deaf, is in charge of this training. Highlights of the stay in the apartment are the chances to entertain parents, or boy friends.

The Rhode Island School for the Deaf is proud of its past, and confident in the future. We are ever hopeful that our efforts to make happy, useful citizens of the deaf children in our care, will continue to be increasingly successful.

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# Churches IN THE DEAF WORLD

Wesley Lauritsen, Editor

## Godless Schools? No! Definitely, No!

We have taken the heading for this editorial from the *Minnesota Journal of Education*, January, 1954, *News Letter*, as it fits in with the thoughts we have in mind.



WESLEY LAURITSEN

It is interesting to note that the moving spirit behind the establishment of the first school for the deaf in America was a man of the cloth. The records show that leaders in the education of the deaf as well as leaders in public school work have been God-fearing men who on Sunday would be found in our churches.

While we subscribe to the premise that school and church work should be kept separate, we submit that our schools are no more Godless than the communities and people who sponsor and man them.

The MEA *Newsletter* says "Worship is an important part of the teacher's life and carries over into his everyday work through attitude and example. To pin the approbrious term "godless" on him and the school in which he teaches is not only unfair, it is dishonest, unpatriotic, unchristian, and sinful."

An editorial in the October 1953 issue of *The Christian Deaf Fellowship* states that heads of schools for the deaf often say, "We are sorry, but no religion is allowed to be taught in our school as we are a state-supported institute."

In schools where children of various denominations live together it may not always be practical to have ministers speak to all the children, but we know most schools permit it.

However, when children live in a residential school provision should be made for ministers of the various denominations to teach and conduct services for those of their faith. The Minnesota School and many other schools we know of follow this plan without any difficulty.

If anyone has concrete evidence that children in any of our residential schools are being deprived of the opportunity of attending church or religious classes of their choice, the Church Editor of *THE SILENT WORKER* would like to have a report of such in writing.

## Sermons to the Deaf

J. M. Robertson, of Raleigh, N. C., has compiled a new book, "Sermons to the Deaf," which is now on sale for \$1.75 plus \$.25 for postage.

This book, which contains about thirty sermons written by ministers to the deaf, educators of the deaf and social workers, should be of interest to all who are in search of inspiration and uplift.

Among the contributors are the Rev. William Ward, the Rev. J. W. Stallings, the Rev. Henry Rutherford, Dr. L. M. Elstad, Dr. Ignatius Bjorlee, Dr. E. A. Stevenson and Fred Sparks.

Anyone interested may secure a copy of the book from J. M. Robertson, P. O. Box 1921, Raleigh, N. C.

## Episcopalians at Gallaudet Form Canterbury Club

The Rev. Otto B. Berg, who acts as chaplain to Episcopal students at Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., reports that after a year of acquainting himself with students and studying possibilities for some sort of formal organization a Canterbury Club was formed and officers elected at a meeting held last fall.

The officers are as follows: President, Marvin Spence of Nova Scotia; vice-president, Betty Rose of D. C.; secretary-reporter, Betty Johnson of Alabama; treasurer, Kay Moody of Alabama. Mr. Donald Padden accepted the position of faculty adviser.

Meetings of the group are held on the first and third Monday evenings of each month during the school year. The members hope to make the club at Gallaudet a member of the national organization.

On the morning of Sunday, November 15, a group of 18 attended a cor-

porate Communion and breakfast held in the Chapel of the Resurrection, located about eight blocks from the college.

—THE DEAF CHURCHMAN

## Sells His Business to Enter Ministry

According to an article in a national paper for the deaf, The National Observer, Mr. Loring Simpson of Luverne, Minn., after the manner of one of the Apostles, decided to leave his business, prepare himself for the ministry in the Episcopal Church, and devote himself to work among the deaf.

A few months ago he sold his greenhouse, which he had operated for seven years, and he will enroll as soon as possible in a theological school. Mr. Simpson is now in his final semester of study at Iowa State College, and upon completing his college course he will receive the degree of Bachelor of Science. By studying through both regular and summer sessions, he believes he will be able to obtain his theological degree in two years.

Mr. Simpson has been encouraged in this desire to work with the deaf by the Rev. Romer E. Grace, missionary in the Sixth Province, and the Rev. Donald Hulstrand, vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Luverne, Minn.

Mr. Simpson is married and the couple has two daughters.

—THE DEAF CHURCHMAN

## How to Keep Faith Bright

A woman who was showing friends a beautiful, massive piece of family silver apologized as she took it from the cupboard where it was kept. "Dreadfully tarnished!" she said. "I can't keep it bright unless I use it."

That is just as true of faith as it is of silver. If you keep faith tucked away in the Sunday closet of the soul, and only bring it out for show, you will be compelled to apologize. Your faith is bound to be tarnished. You cannot keep faith bright unless you use it in everyday life.

—THE DEAF LUTHERAN

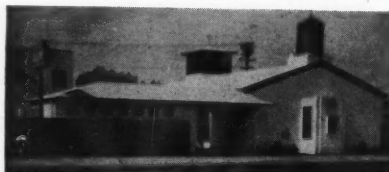
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## Church Men Beat Wives!

This ambiguous headline appeared in a recent Minneapolis Sunday Tribune magazine section together with a story of how men at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church of Minnesota Lake, Minnesota, served 1,108 dinners in the church basement. Money was raised to help pay for the new \$170,000 church. The men did all the work of preparing and serving the meal, even to baking the pies. They pitched in with a will and left the kitchen spotless, too. The remarkable thing about this is that Minnesota Lake has a population of only 600. Here is an idea for any church or other group that desires to raise money.

The ambiguous headline drew our attention as that very morning the good wife told our daughter, a high school teacher home for the weekend, "Dad beat me up this morning!" Daughter Nancy looked her mother over but could see no evidence of a "beating." Her mother sensing that she was misunderstood, explained that she meant dad was up first and had made breakfast. We all have to be careful with these words that have a double or triple meaning.

## Alpha Lutheran Church Dedicated at Rochester, New York

On Sunday, November 22, 1953, the Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf Chapel and Parsonage was dedicated at three impressive services. The Rev. Herbert H. Rohe is the pastor of the church which was organized a little more than a year ago. In this short time the congregation with Rev. Rohe's fine leadership has increased in number and has acquired a house on East Avenue which has been beautifully adapted to use as a chapel, social meeting place and parsonage.

Services were held in the morning, afternoon and evening to dedicate the Church "To the Greater Glory of God." Participating in the dedication were the Rev. John L. Salvner, Executive Secretary of the Lutheran Board of Missions to the Deaf, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; the Rev. Charles A. Behnke, Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Rochester, and the Rev. Herbert E. Plehn, Pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of Rochester. It is the hope and prayer of Rev. Rohe and members of the Church to be of service to a greater number of the deaf in the Rochester area. With the enthusiasm expressed thus far, and the devotion exemplified by the present congregation and Rev. Rohe, the growth of the Church is certain, and the blessing it has already been to all who have been associated with it, will surely increase.

—THE ROCHESTER ADVOCATE

## Sermon of the Month

By Wesley Lauritsen  
Faribault, Minnesota

*(Several ministers to the deaf were asked to write the Sermon of the Month for this issue, but we received no response to our requests. We welcome sermons for this page from ministers of any denomination. To set the record right, the editor of this page is not a minister, and he fills in the page only when ministers do not write the sermon requested.—Ed.)*

*To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under the heaven — ECCLESIASTES 3:1*

The text of this sermonette is one of my favorite Bible verses. It gives no assurance that there is a time for everything. God plays no favorites in this matter of time. Each of us has twenty-four hours a day at his disposal. What counts is how we use these hours.

At times it is difficult to understand why this and that should happen to us and our friends. God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. A careful reading of the third chapter of Ecclesiastes helps us to understand the necessity of going through many and varied experiences.

My philosophy of life is "Good work is never lost." I am happy to have this opportunity to explain how this works with a few favorite stories. I feel that the time God gives me must be well used. I have no right to squander it away foolishly. I feel that God must have had a reason for taking my hearing from me when I was fourteen years old. I believe that he had work planned for me that I could do better without my hearing, and I have accordingly tried to make the loss of my hearing an asset rather than a liability.

I once heard a story of a wise old Quaker who was accustomed to sit on a bench in a quiet square in a small town. One day a traveler came and asked him what kind of people lived in that town.

"What kind of people live in the town you came from?" asked the Quaker.

"Oh, they are mean, selfish, narrow-minded, unfair, suspicious," answered the traveler.

"Then, my friend," replied the Quaker. "I am sorry for you, but you will find the same manner of people here."

Not long afterwards the Quaker was accosted by another man who had come to live in the town.

"What sort of people live here?" inquired the stranger.

Again the wise old Quaker replied by asking what kind of people lived in the town he came from.

"Friend," replied the stranger, "they

are the finest people in the world. They are so friendly, so kind, so helpful, and lovely that I hated to leave them."

The old Quaker beamed and said, "Welcome, friend, be of good cheer. You will find the same kind of people here."

The people here in Minnesota where I have lived for a half century and more are fine people. I go to school in the morning and the pupils, teachers, and staff members greet me with a hearty good morning. I go downtown and on the street and in the stores meet people who greet me so heartily that I feel almost like a million dollars although there may be less than a dime in my pocket.

God has been good to me in permitting me to visit with the deaf in all parts of the country — in New York, in Florida, in California, in Washington State, in Washington, D.C., and nearly all of the Midwestern States. What kind of people did I find there? Fine people! Swell people! In every place people were so nice that I am anxious to go back and see them all again. I looked for good people; I found them.

Another story comes to mind illustrating that you can invariably get what you want. In a certain town there was an old man who was always happy because he was always helping people. People honored him for his wisdom and the good advice he gave.

There were a few young smarties who were jealous and wanted to show people that the old man was really not as smart as they thought. They decided to get a bird and have one of the young men hold it in his hand. Then the old man was to be asked what he had. When he answered "A Bird," he was to be asked whether the bird were dead or alive. If the old man said it was dead, the man would let it go and it would fly away. If the old man said the bird was alive, the man would kill it by pressing it in his hand. In either case the old man would be shown up as wrong, and not as wise as the people thought.

One day before a group of people the old man came along and was met by one of the younger men who asked what he had in his hand. The old man said, "A Bird." Then he was asked, "Is the bird dead or alive?"

The wise old man answered, "As you wish. It is in your power to let the bird fly away or press the life out of it."

It is the same way with all of us. We have the power to learn or not to learn. We have the privilege of helping our fellow men or living selfish lives.

Since the greatest happiness in life comes from serving God and our fellow men, let us remember to use our time for this purpose. Let us keep in mind: God is First; others Second; I am Third!

## The Educational Front and Parents' Department

By W. T. Griffing, Editor

Hi, friends. We have let the genial BBB down again as far as deadlines are concerned because here it is way beyond the twentieth and we are still struggling with writing this down.

Things have been pretty busy for us the past month although you are perfectly free to accept this statement with a grain of salt; but our wee small conscience tells us we do have a fairly reliable excuse to extend to BBB on a cracked platter.



W. T. GRIFFING

The trouble is: you folks who pick the WORKER up to glance through it have but a very faint idea how maddening deadlines can be.

We have had a letter from our good friend, Dr. Winfield Scott Runde of California, who was given an honorary degree by Gallaudet College last spring. He is one grand fellow, one who keeps right on doing good because he is a gentleman of the old school.

He told us his sideline, or his hobby, was in appearing in Federal and Superior courts to sponsor aliens for citizenship. First, he takes these bewildered persons in hand for a briefing so that they will not have any trouble when the time comes to appear in court. Those he has sponsored so far as proving themselves to be very good citizens.

Another hobby which he shares with his good wife is a beautiful garden.

Dr. Runde is a living example of a philosophy we believe all of the deaf should embrace. Instead of expecting the hearing public to come to his door, he has become a member of clubs and societies existing for the hearing. In this way, he is really building a better "mouse trap." If all of us would do this, a great deal of misunderstanding concerning the deaf would eventually go up in smoke.

Here is a 21-gun salute to the Runes. Long may they scatter their sunshine among the deaf who are the better because of them.

This may be neither startling nor new, but Oklahoma colleges are now offering a fifth year teacher training program leading to a master of teaching degree. Instead of working toward a doctorate, the new course is designed to prepare teachers in subjects they need for particular jobs. It will rate equally with a master's degree.

Some years back a college president

suggested that degrees not be awarded at commencement time, but be held back over a period of years to see if the students really merited that degree. This sounds hazy, so we venture the guess he meant that, let us say, a fellow who earned a degree in economics would first have to prove by actual experience that he had mastered his course.

Another degree that was suggested was that of master of family life. We know a lot of deaf persons who could qualify for that. Don't you?

Did you read "The Struggle For Our Children's Minds" in the February 5 issue of *Collier's*? It was really something. There is more to come, too. One angry patron defined the three R's as Rest, Relax, and Receive!

Another disgruntled parent said the only goal of education today is to teach children how to get along. He added, "That'd be all right except they don't teach them that either."

The article is interesting in that it indicates a revolt is brewing from coast to coast in localities where new fangled educators have a stranglehold on the management of the schools. These educators are proceeding along lines something like "the public be darned" as they put their pet theories into practice.

This article deals with the public schools, true, but you read it and use your imagination. Two and two always make four!

J. M. Robertson of Raleigh, North Carolina, is getting ready to issue a book, "Sermons to the Deaf." It is to be a collection of talks from the pens of outstanding ministers, educators and laymen who are interested in the social, moral and spiritual welfare of the deaf. It should be a fine book to have on your shelf.

The price is \$1.75. Mr. Robertson can be reached at P.O. Box 1921, Raleigh.

Lots of folks do read the WORKER. We received more than just a few letters thanking us for calling attention to the Oklahoma-Maryland Orange Bowl Game. They were especially interested in the Sooner quarterback, Dan Calame, who is the son of deaf parents.

To a man, almost, the deaf were pulling for the Sooners. Now, if all of us would pull for the NAD just as heartily—say, wouldn't we go places in a hurry?

Supt. Stanley Roth of the Kansas School for the Deaf is on our side this once, thank goodness. We hope the two

of us can slay a dragon. What we are interested in is a service pin for teachers of the deaf with a certain number of years of classroom or administrative work.

As it is now, a teacher can give 25 years of unselfish service to the profession then retire without a single thing to show for it. A 25-year pin would be an honor to wear.

The bug in the ointment is who will pay for the pins. That is not so important as selling the idea of officially awarding the pins by the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf.

If there is something better, please let us hear about it.

The pure oral school for the deaf at Purcell, Oklahoma, has been moved to Chickasha, where it is affiliated with the Oklahoma College for Women. Oklahoma university is likewise interested in special education of this nature.

It is a very nice thing that the new gymnasium of the North Carolina School for the Deaf has been named in honor of Dr. Odie W. Underhill, one of the country's outstanding deaf men.

Odie has done more than a great deal for the deaf of North Carolina, so Underhill Gymnasium is a fitting tribute to him and his long years of service.

This is just between us. It is said that a gentleman is a man who protects a lady from everyone but himself, and a lady is a woman who makes it easy for a man to be a gentleman. Oh, yes, a synonym is the word you use when you cannot spell the other one.

Art Kruger and Lenny Warshawsky in the WORKER and the Frat, respectively, have again come up with a nice piece of work in reporting their annual All-American teams. The two of them are not very far apart, either, on the choice of boys for the honor squads.

Kansas is the championship team. Fine. We think the Jackrabbits really hopped away from the rest of us. Congratulations to everybody up in Olathe.

Our nomination for the Boy Scout and Girl Scout of the Month: Principal Kenneth Huff of the Louisiana School for the Deaf. It is a long story and we do not intend to embarrass them here with details of their goodness and kindness. Suffice it to say they have the field all to themselves.

A raise caused our income tax to shoot up like Jack's beanstalk. We have almost lost faith in mathematics and hereafter we'll sniff suspiciously whenever a raise is mentioned.

WTC.





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## SWinging 'round the nation



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DEADLINE FOR NEWS IS THE  
20TH OF EACH MONTH.

### KANSAS . . .

The Baptist Bible Class of Wichita held its annual turkey dinner a little late on January 16th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ayers of Olathe turned professional builders by building a two-family residence, for rental purposes. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sherman, who recently returned from California, are living in one of the units.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McGlynn of Hutchinson moved into a ten-room house. They must plan to raise a large family someday.

Adolph Geier of Wichita, being a skilled carpenter, has made the most unique looking television stand for his Westinghouse set. It has attracted wide interest and many people want the same pattern made for them. By the way, Mr. Geier is now limping around and may soon be working again. He injured his foot last month when he fell off a ladder.

Beene Watkins of Wichita made a business trip to Oklahoma on January 23rd in his new '49 Pontiac, for which he traded in his old car.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spruell and Alvin Clements, all of Wichita paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Luke Whitworth of Blackwell, Okla., on January 31st.

Mrs. Francis Srack of Wichita brought two visitors to the Wichita Club of the Deaf, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bogue, who felt at home with us and stayed all evening visiting and talking. Mrs. Bogue is the daughter of a deaf couple, Mr. and Mrs. Schriver of Chicago. Mr. Srack and Mr. Bogue are on the graveyard shift at the Wichita Eagle.

Mrs. Archie Grier hosted a dinner honoring the birthdays of the members of the Wichita Sewing Club on January 27th.

The Wichita Bowling Silents comprising Otis Koehn, captain, Clarence Johnson, Earl Nyquist, Floyd Ellinger and George Harms, were in Tulsa, Okla., on Jan. 16 and 17 trying their best to win the roving trophy in the annual Tricity Tournament (Wichita, Oklahoma City and Tulsa). Tulsa won the trophy for the third time so it has become their permanent property. Luck ran out on the Wichita team as it landed in last place.

Mary Williams of Olathe and Herman Felzke of Leavenworth stopped at the Wichita Hall on January 23rd when a hot supper was being served by the new officers of the WCD. Mary and Herman had come from Aliceville, Kan., where they attended the Landsverk-Meyer wedding in the afternoon.

Misses Mina Munz and Willa Field, both of Wichita, participated in the ladies' bowling tournament in January, but didn't make the money bracket.

Ervin Davin, formerly of New Jersey, and a

recent Wichita resident, has left for greener pastures in Idaho.

William Marra of Olathe, a long confirmed bachelor, surprised everybody by purchasing a four-room house in that town. As dean of the boys at the state school, he has enjoyed the living facilities in the dormitory for many years. We hear he is about to enter matrimony.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Randall of Olathe, have another girl, born on February 2nd. The hospitals in Wichita had several deaf patients during the same time recently. Mrs. Frank Maspoust is home from her five-day stay; minor surgery for Mrs. Donald Funke, Mrs. Carl Rose and Miss Rae Field, and an appendectomy for Miss Doris Heil. Rae Field is now convalescing at Jet, Okla., at the home of her sister.

Miss Mina Munz was a weekend guest of the I. A. Fishers in Olathe during the first weekend in February.

The home of the Bill Lichtenbergers of Wichita was made warm by the well-wishers who poured on the surprised couple gifts of money on February 7th. Mrs. Srack, Mrs. Harms, Mrs. Nyquist and Mrs. Thomas were hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dibble attended her family reunion at Latham on February 7th. All the children except a brother from Wyoming had a nice reunion. Fern, their sister, came in unexpectedly with her two daughters by car.

Ova Gillman, recently of Long Beach, Calif., is now a Wichita resident, working in a shoe repair shop.

### CALIFORNIA . . .

Florian and Doris Caligiuri are moving into their new home out in the Rolling Hills district of South Whittier and just a few doors down the block you'll find Leonard and Sally Meyer moving into theirs. Frank and Carolyn Pokorak have bought a new home too out near Covina. Frank Bush tells us that he and Evelyn have acquired ownership of a lot up at Big Bear Lake. Truly, it appears that the deaf folks out this way have a yen for putting their money into property. We recently paid a visit to Viril and Kathleen Massey and got a good look at their lovely two-bedroom home in Compton. Congratulations to all those fortunate and happy folk!

Eva Kruger tells us that she and Art are considering the purchase of a home also. Art has his heart set on a "den" of his very own and we'll bet it will be something to see.

The big rain during February almost washed Don and Eleanor Nuernberger out of their place. The water rose to within inches of flooding their living room and Eleanor was in a near-panic at the threatened disaster to their newly acquired and beautiful furnishings. Don found his car stalled in several feet of water and had to wade waist-deep in pushing it to higher ground. Fortunately the rains ceased before any serious damage was done.

Sanford Diamond is riding around in one of those new 1954 Super Buicks and is the envy of all his friends hereabouts. We see little of Sanford these days and with that new car we will probably see even less.

Lou Dyer's "Toast of the Town" comes off at the LACD the evening of March 20th and promises to give Ed Sullivan plenty of competition. Everyone and his mother-in-law plan to take in the big show which will feature two newcomers, Mae Lee of Detroit and Manuel Aguirre.

A jolly time was had by all the evening of February 20th when the 9th Annual Farwest Tournament Committee gathered at the home of John and Jerry Fail in North Long Beach

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for what they chose to call a Pre-Tournament Party. On hand were the Schreibers, the Caligiuris, the Grimes, O'Neals, Joe Park, Frank Bush, Lenny Meyer, the Frank Lunas, the Art Krugers, the Alvin Klugmans, Saul Lukacs, F. Bustamente, Dorothy Gerichs, Ross Bailey, and almost everyone connected with the big tournament. Everyone went away mighty happy at the prospect of the tournament. They all worked long and hard in preparing for the big cage-fest and all praise is due them for its success.

With the '54 Farwest Tournament passing into ancient history . . . have you bought your ticket for the 1955 Nationals yet?

As we go to press, word comes that another young couple have joined the ever-growing list of happy home-owners in the southland. Burton and Ailene Schmidt are now comfortably settled in their brand new three-bedroom home out in Riverside and Ailene tells us that the big house is keeping her on the run, not to mention their little daughter and the new baby son who arrived just before Christmas. We do not need to assure you that the Schmidt home is a very happy place these days.

The annual Christmas parties for children were given by the EBCD, the San Francisco Club for the Deaf and the St. Joseph's Center for the Deaf the week before Christmas. Quite an increase in the number of small fry was noted. Movies, presents and candy and nuts were distributed. The frats and aux-frats also held their annual Christmas parties.

Members of the St. Joseph's Center for the Deaf were thrilled to meet Chief Justice Warren, our former governor, when he paid a Christmas visit to the Center, his former home. January 10th, the Center was the scene of a surprise silver wedding anniversary party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Speed of Alameda.

Zeta Chapter of the Kappa Gamma Fraternity held a stag dinner at the Panda Room in Oakland on December 13. Eighteen were able to be present and partook of a good dinner and each later related some anecdote of his days on Kendall Green. By coincidence, on the same date and approximately the same time, a memorial service was being held at Gallaudet College Chapel Hall in Washington, D.C., for the late Dr. Percival Hall, founder of the Fraternity. A letter from the chapter had been previously dispatched to be read at the ceremonies, and a contribution donated to the Percival Hall Fund. Leo Jacobs replaced Felix Kowalewski as new president of the chapter.

George Attletweed of Danville is the proud possessor of a 1953 Cadillac. He is still single and has a steady printing job in Concord.

New officers for 1954 of the Eastbay Club for the Deaf are: Albert Ingraham, president; Leroy Pate, vice-president; Jamil Nemir, secretary; T. Grigsby, treasurer; Al White, financial agent; Henry Metcalfe, sergeant; Rolland James, Lester Rosson, William Booth, auditors. The Berkeley-Oakland division of the NFSD elected Leo Jacobs as president; Hubert Sell-

## 100th BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF EDWIN ALLAN HODGSON

By Marcus L. Kenner

(as related by Miss Anna M. Klaus and gleaned from "Representative Deaf Persons of the U. S." — 2nd Edition)



EDWIN ALLAN HODGSON

One hundred years ago — on February 28, 1854 — Edwin Allan Hodgson was born in Manchester, England. At the age of 4, his parents moved to Canada. He enjoyed the advantage of excellent schools and graduated from Peterboro university where he had studied law. An attack of cerebro-spinal meningitis in 1872, at the age of 18, caused his deafness. Thinking that he was the only deaf person in the world, he felt so ashamed that he left home and came to the United States.

Mr. Hodgson obtained a job as a printer in New York City, earning the then princely sum of \$95 a month. When informed there was another deaf printer in a different department, his astonishment led to the remark that "he is a different kind of animal." Later on, however, he realized his wrong conception regarding the deaf and visited the N. Y. Institution for the Deaf ("Fanwood"). He soon became an instructor of printing and entered upon his work with characteristic zeal and enthusiasm.

"The Deaf-Mutes' Journal," originally published in Mexico, N.Y. under the editorship of Mr. Henry C. Rider, was purchased and made rapid strides under the editorial and business management of Mr. Hodgson. He planned to stay only a year at "Fanwood" but, in 1928, after more than 50 years of faithful service, he retired on a pension with the title of Instructor-Emeritus but still remained as Editor of the Journal.

He was married twice, — first to Miss Mary Whitehead, a graduate of Fanwood, a lady of beauty and charm who lived only 19 months after their marriage. His second wife was the

beautiful and accomplished Miss Lilian Jones, who passed away 19 years later. By this marriage he had two daughters.

Mr. Hodgson was one of the founders and second President of the National Association of the Deaf. He attended every triennial convention, except one due to illness, up to 1931. Treasurer of the League of Elect Surds, now extinct. Honorary member of the Union League of the Deaf, Inc. President of the Empire State Association of the Deaf. Delegate to the World's Congress of the Deaf in Paris, 1883. Member of Men's Club of St. Ann's Church and other organizations. He was a valued aid to the late Rev. Mr. Thomas Gallaudet, founder of St. Ann's Church; its Senior Vestryman and Vice President of the Church Mission to Deaf Mutes. Was influential in the erection of the Church and Guild House on West 148th St. and in the building and endowing of the Gallaudet Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf Mutes at Wappinger, N. Y. (now at Poughkeepsie, N.Y.) In recognition of his varied achievements, he was awarded an honorary degree of Master of Arts by Gallaudet College.

During his declining years, it was his custom to take an annual cruise; his last one being to the West Indies. In the summer of 1933, accompanied by his daughter, Florence, and grandson, Randall, he took an automobile trip through the New England states. Death occurred at a hotel in Worcester, Mass. where they had registered for the night before journeying back home, on August 13, 1933, at the age of 79. He rests in peace at Woodlawn Cemetery, New York.

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Children at a birthday party honoring Alicia Dawn Weingold, who is in the center. Alicia Dawn is the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weingold, of Birmingham, Mich. The young guests came to the party in the full regalia of cowpokes and the party was completely western. Invitations were on cowboy hats and the luncheon was served on a table on which the centerpiece was a miniature horsedrawn covered wagon loaded with favors for all the guests.



## SWinging . . .

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ner, vice-president; Irvan Woodruff, secretary; William West, treasurer; Robert Hill, director; Maurice Schoenberg, sergeant; Hubert Sellner, Melvin Davidson, Abe Rosenblatt, trustees. The Aux-Fraternals elected Mrs. Sylvia Forsberg as president; Mrs. Elaine Schoenberg, vice-president; Mrs. Jean Sellner, secretary-treasurer; Miss Willie Coles; Mrs. Gladys Hinman, sergeant; Mrs. Caroline Burnes, Mrs. Nora Rosson, Mrs. Ida White, trustees.

Mrs. Maria Antoinette Peralta Lehman, 73, died on January 12 in Oakland. She was a native of Oakland and received her education at the California School for the Deaf. During the later years of her life she was blind, as the result of an accident. She is survived by her husband, Conrad, a tailor, and two children, George A. Lehman and Mrs. Emily Talken. Mrs. Lehman's paternal great grandfather, Louis Peralta, received the 45,000 acre San Antonio grant, which included the land between San Leandro and Berkeley. Her maternal great grandfather, Fulgencio Higuera, owned the 10,000 acre Rancho Agua Caliente, extending from Milpitas to Mission San Jose.

The annual banquet of the Northern California Chapter of Gallaudet College Alumni Association was held January 30 at the Zombie Village restaurant in Oakland. Dr. Tom L. Anderson was chairman and his committee helped provide a wonderful evening with superb and exotic food, an out-of-this-world atmosphere, and hilarious entertainment provided by Bernard Bragg and Earl and Kay Norton, spiked with impromptu remarks by toastmaster and retiring president Felix Kowalewski. The members voted to send a contribution from the chapter to the Percival Hall Fund in memory of Dr. Hall. New officers for 1954 were as follows: Miss Mary Stone, president; Earl Norton, vice-president; Miss Rosella Gunderson, secretary; Bernard Bragg, treasurer. A record-breaking attendance of over 60 was recorded.

A surprise baby shower was held at the EBCD Sunday, February 21, in honor of Mrs. Marion (Bjorge) Kuntze, now of Sacramento. She was presented with a complete baby layette, baby bag and a huge piggy bank quite loaded with real money. Games were played and refreshments served. Hostesses were Mrs. Grace Yovino-Young, Mrs. Clara Bruns, Mrs. Josephine Skogen, Mrs. Laura Kowalewski, Mrs. Elaine Schoenberg, Mrs. Bernice Christensen, and Mrs. Dorothy Simpson. About 35 ladies were present.

Sharon Skogen, daughter of the Alfred Skogens of San Leandro, must like to spend her time in the hospital. In the short space of a month she was in again, out again, back again—first with a broken arm suffered in a fall, then to have her appendix removed. She has since been more careful, enough so to enable her to accompany her mother and sister, Virginia, to Owatonna, Minn., for a three-week's visit in February with her grandmother and grandfather, who were celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day.

Miss Shirley Vigasaa of Minnesota has been in California the past seven months and hopes to stay for good. She has a nice job in San Jose.

B. B. Burnes attended a recent Oakland game of the Harlam Globe-Trotters basketball team. At the end of the game he was pleasantly surprised to find that the program he had bought had the winning lucky number and he was given a beautiful Longines-Wittnauer wrist watch.

## COLORADO . . .

No doubt by the time this goes to press, most of our readers will have read elsewhere of the trip of the basketball team of the Silent Athletic Club of Denver to Los Angeles, California for a game on January 2nd. The

result of the game, 77-75, in favor of Los Angeles was surprising to all, and we imagine L.A. got quite a shock. The game was tied 75-all in the last few seconds of the game and Delbert Boese, formerly of Omaha, now of L.A., made the extra goal which gave the game to L.A. The Denver boys, accompanied by their wives, who covered the long distance to California in three cars, are: Fred Schmidt, coach, Don Warnick, Howard Andress, Kenneth Longmore, Loren Elstad, Francis Ross, Rea Hinrichs, James Sweeney, Albert Jones, John Flores, and Richard O'Toole. The O'Tooles had taken their vacation at Christmas time, and along with Emilia's brother, left Denver December 19 for a visit with Richard's folks in San Francisco, prior to joining the other Denverites at Los Angeles on New Year's Eve.

The group left Denver at noon on December 30, arriving in Los Angeles sometime in late afternoon of the 31st. The return trip began immediately after the game on Saturday, January 2, and most were back to Denver by 6 a.m. Monday January 4, in time to report to work.

The Herb Votaws took a three-day holiday around Christmas and went to Kansas City by rail to visit Harriett's family. The Greeley Silents, composed of farm boys living in or around Greeley, Colorado, had a game with

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# The Silent Printer

By Ray F. Stallo

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*Who puts the form on wrong-end to  
And sets the guides a mile askew  
And can't tell pink from Prussian blue?*

—THE PRESSMAN

A report given at a recent meeting of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association had this to say, "A new training program has been developed which produces qualified technicians operating a printing press printing a color section after 22 days' training." Commenting on this, one of the officials of the Association remarked, "This is in contrast to the six-year apprenticeship now required by the pressmen's union."

The intended impression seems to be this: Why waste 6 years training a man for work when you can pick up a man on the street and in 22 days have a man equally competent? Also, why pay a man the newspaper journeyman's scale for a job that requires only 22 days' training?

The answer to all this can be summed up in one word — experience. There is no substitute for experience. You can have a training program that will reduce the time required to gain certain basic experiences but you can't crowd into a few weeks the experience gained through years of working on a press. We wonder how many printers and publishers would want to turn over a \$10,000 press or one costing over a million to a man who had only 22 days' training?

It is said that when he devised his phonograph, Edison envisioned authors dictating to the device — and typesetters composing direct from the records. An early version of the tele-typesetter?

During the first days of printing, Parisian hand copyists of manuscripts were so jealous of typographers that they proclaimed these new-fangled craftsmen "sorcerers" and induced their parliament to order printed books and impressions confiscated. Hi there, Silent Sorcerer!

No matter if the March lion or the March lamb dominates the weather here is the March installment of the National Amalgamated Directory of Silent Printers:

Harry W. Stark, pressman, Western Tag and Label Co., Los Angeles, California. Harry's shop recently installed one of those British Thompson platen presses. Harry says that it is a good press but that the German Heidelberg has the edge on it.



J. MacLynch, floorman, Louisville Times and Courier-Journal, Louisville, Kentucky. Brother Lynch attended the Indiana School for the Deaf, where he studied printing but "not much" he says. What's the matter, Indiana?

Leo Latz, working on the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, further information we have not. How's about dropping us a card, Leo, and telling us where you learned the trade and what school is your proud Alma Mater? (Now, now, Whiskers, don't you read the "SWinging" pages? Leo is our crack Minnesota correspondent and a product of the Minnesota School. —Ed.)

David B. Owrso, Sr., Linotype operator at the Unique Press, Dearborn, Michigan. Davie attended the Louisiana School, where he learned the trade.

Yachtman Sue, Linotype operator, Wisconsin Cuneo Press, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Brother Sue attended the Wisconsin School, where he picked up the trade.

Gus Straus, Linotype operator and all-around printer, Cincinnati, Ohio. Gus attended the Ohio State School for the Deaf, where he got his start in printing. Hi Gus, member us tripping over our beard in the Great Lakes Bowling Tournament in Cincy around 1937?

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## SWinging . . .

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the Kansas City Club for the Deaf on December 26, and the Votaws were the guests of the Albert Stacks at the game. The Greeley boys were very much surprised to see the Votaws and immediately asked Herb to be their scorekeeper.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Highberger, of Pueblo, were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cox January 2.

The Paul Barneses of Bridgeport, Neb., came down January 15 to spend the weekend with the Don Warnicks.

The Silent Athletic Club of Denver was crowded as never before on January 16, when the wives of the basketball players served a delicious hot supper, for the basketball fund. Movies of the 1949 MAAD in Denver were shown, as well as a documentary film showing the manufacturing of Samsonite Luggage, loaned to the SAC by the Shwayder Bros. Mfg. Co., of Denver, where a greater portion of our players are employed. Shwayder is also sponsor of our basketball team this year, as well as having been sponsor of the softball team for many years.

Dick and Barbara Anderson gave each other ski outfits for Christmas and have been spending their time with Jackie Weber and Leonard Heller up in the mountains. Jackie is a Denver girl, and Leonard hails from New York, both being experienced skiers. Babs learned to ski in Switzerland in 1948 where her father, a retired Army Major, was stationed during the post-war years, and Dick has learned to ski with the help of Leonard and Jackie. They went to Berthoud Pass on January 2nd, by car, and two weeks later the group took the Ski Train to Winter Park.

The annual election of officers of the Silent Athletic Club took place on January 21, resulting as follows: Don Warnick, pres.; William Fraser, v-pres.; Charles Billings, re-elected secy.; Fred Schmidt, re-elected treas.; Richard Morris, sgt.; and Herb Votaw, third trustee.

A group of twenty ladies, mostly wives of the members of the Frat, gathered January 7 and drew up a petition for the formation of an Aux-Frats, which was sent to the home office in Chicago.

## SOUTH CAROLINA . . .

Mrs. Sadie Perritt Nine, 43, of Akron, widely known in organizations of the deaf, died on Monday, December 28, 1953, in a hospital following two years of illness. Funeral services were held December 30, with the Rev. S. S. Davis officiating and Mrs. Ruth Simpson interpreting. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Mrs. Nine is survived by her husband, James, two sons, and two sisters. Pallbearers were Hampton Johnson, Jack Peidarvis, Nathan Hardwick, Marion Bradley, Leighton Bradley, and William A. James. Mrs. Nine was a student at the South Carolina School before her marriage to James Nine of Akron and was a member of the Akron Club of the Deaf, the Silent Community Sunday School, the Akron Society of the Deaf, and Bantam Booster Club. Her passing is mourned by her friends of South Carolina.

Best wishes are extended to George Rogers and Dorothy Smith, who were married December 18 in Greenwood. They are making their home in Columbia, where George is employed as a carpenter.

Joe Looney quit his job at the Kay Printing Company in Greenville and has secured employment with a printing firm in Charlotte, where he and his family are now living. Joe is very enthusiastic about his work in Charlotte.

## WASHINGTON, D.C. . . .

The William Grinnells had a three weeks vacation at Largo, Florida . . . George Babinetz

has made a couple of trips to a certain point in North Carolina and we are beginning to wonder if Dan Cupid has made a bullseye... The Fred Collinses of Laurens, S.C., drove up to settle some business matters and say howdy to friends... Warren J. Drake tells us that he almost had a close shave with the devil. En route home from Arkansas accompanying his mother for a stay at his abode, they made the trip and destination smoothly. The same train continued onward to New York and was derailed on the way... The Altor Sedlows have traded their '51 Packard for the latest model and are planning a trip to Miami, Florida, for Easter...

Charles Reeves bowed to Uncle Sam when his government agency office was transferred to Indianapolis and he was ordered shipped too... Preston Newton, the "George Mikan" of deafdom, played a basketball game with the Star City Club team and is prepared to show his stuff at the coming SEAAD tourney... The Emmanuel Goldens made several trips to New York and celebrated around the Gay White Way, the latest being a housewarming party with their friend, Jane Becker... The district welcomed a new deaf couple, the A. Spences of Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Spence is presently setting type at the Evening Star...

Fred Norman, chairman of the coming Virginia Ass'n of the Deaf convention in D.C. this June, testified before the Virginia legislature on matters pertaining to the separation of the deaf and blind at the State School... There is joy in the August P. Herdtfelder's household. First they became grandparents of their fourth grandchild Jan. 2nd and second, their oldest son has an honorable discharge from the Marines and is at home... George Culbertson is proud of his Gallaudet degree and blue color job and has started his CULBO ENTERPRISE. This is a hobby shop and "club" where members can spend leisure hours making things for themselves or for others or learn to do things... Culbo supplies the tools and gets the materials for activity use... A girl was born to the J. Hammocks on February 4th... A bad case of bronchitis laid up Leonard Lau for some weeks, putting a stumbling block to the many offices he holds...

The DCCD at its February meeting voted to move to other quarters for domestic, economic and progressive reasons... Local golfers are planning to entertain visiting golfers during the Gallaudet Reunion with a tourney at one of the local greens. Presently Secretary Dick Wright is trying to get the outstanding deaf golfers of the nation to come here and display

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## Anton Schroeder's Inventions Recalled

By P. L. Axling

The other day I came into possession of a copy of *The North Dakota Banner* dated April, 1951, and in perusing its contents I stumbled upon a short article *The Banner* had lifted from *The Colorado Index*. It told of a deaf man residing in Denver, who had invented and patented what he called a tabletop drawing paper holder. He was credited with being the holder of the first U. S. patent ever issued to a deaf person.

The claim that this was the first deaf person to secure a U. S. patent for an invention is most certainly erroneous and I want to show why. I know of several deaf men who long ago secured patents from the U. S. patent office — and the most outstanding among this group certainly was Anton Schroeder, of St. Paul, Minnesota. I do not recall the names of all the others.

Mr. Schroeder, with whom I first became acquainted at least fifty-five years ago, when making a trip from Sioux Fall, S. D. to St. Paul, was a man of independent means and he had an inventive mind. At that time he was working to perfect what is now one of the most commonly used window screen and storm sash hangers throughout the entire country. It consists of two simple pieces, one to be attached to the upper frame of the window and the other to the screen or storm sash, the latter piece to hook onto the one on the window frame.

Mr. Schroeder readily secured a patent on this simple device and made a contract with the Stanley Manufacturing Co., of Connecticut, to make and sell them. When the patent was about to expire after its seventeen-year tenure it was renewed, and I believe the Stanley Company is still making the hangers, as

they are to be found in almost any hardware store today.

As soon as the Stanley Company had started the manufacture of the Schroeder sash hanger they called the inventor east and sent him on the road to call on hardware dealers and other establishments in every state and arrange for its sale. He traveled under this arrangement for at least three years, if I am not mistaken, and after that he had a comfortable life income from royalties on the sales. He left this mundane sphere many years ago, but his heirs, I believe are still receiving royalties.

Mr. Schroeder had three other inventions, which he patented and started to manufacture. One was a pair of short iron rods with a device at each end to fasten, one end to a screen frame or storm sash and the other end to the outer part of the window sill, their function being to hold the screen or sash open at the bottom whenever desirable. This set did not sell very well and its manufacture was discontinued.

A third invention which Mr. Schroeder patented was a folding ironing board which he considered an improvement on the boards then in use, but after making a few of them and noting the unfavorable reaction of those who tried them he gave up the idea of making and selling them on a large scale.

Mr. Schroeder was persistent and did not permit the poor reception by the public to his two inventions mentioned above to discourage him in his search for something else. He told me that often, when he attended church, he noticed what an awkward task the sexton usually had in lighting the candles on the altar and again in blowing them out after the service. He thought there must be some better way to do these chores — and finally he hit upon the idea of having a long rod of some light material fashioned to hold a lighted candle at one end, this to be used in easily reaching and lighting the altar candles. To this rod he attached a short arm which held at its end what he called an inverted cup, made of brass or some other suitable material. This cup was used to put out the flame on the candles by merely covering the candle tops and lowering it sufficiently to smother the flame.

Of the four Schroeder inventions two are still in use in every state in the Union. They are the sash hanger and the candle lighting and extinguishing device. Both are among the most practical of thousands of articles in daily use but few ever take the trouble to ascertain their origin.

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# With the Foreign Deaf . . .

By Paul Lange

In a recent issue of the Swedish "Dovas Tidskrift" (*Deaf Times*) there appears an interesting article about the work in weaving of an aged deaf lady, Mrs. Ida Mattson, of Malmo, Sweden, and two pictures of her work. Taking up weaving at the age of 36, her artistic work attracted a great deal of attention and found a ready sale. It led to the establishment of a weaving school in which she designed all the patterns for her rugs. The picture of a fine wall rug of hers appeared in a technical magazine some time ago.

The International Association of Deaf Artists with headquarters at Paris last year granted a charter for a new association to the deaf of Germany. An exhibition was held last September at the town of Schwerte. Among the exhibiting artists was the well-known German painter, Bettermann, who exhibited fourteen oil paintings and further contributed to the success of the exhibition by giving daily talks on his work.

The new Television sets with color screens are now advertised in Europe with sound attachments at \$848, and \$788 without sound effect.

The School for the Deaf at Braunschweig celebrated its 125th anniversary on September 5, 1953. Also at the Hildesheim School the authorities have been erecting a new addition to commemorate the 125th anniversary of that school. It is to be completed in April.

A clinic for teachers of the deaf of Europe was conducted in Norway last September by the United Nations, with Dr. Otto Schmahl of Dortmund in charge.

Pierre Gorman, a deaf Australian, is studying for his Ph.D. degree at the University of Cambridge, England.

In commenting on the new school for the deaf at Dortmund, Germany, Mr. Waldow, the brilliant editor-in-chief of the *Gehörlosen Zeitung* (Organ for the Deaf of Germany) speaks favorably of some of the features of the school but does not consider it equal to the demands of a progressive school of today. He finds quarters generally cramped. Though it might meet the needs of a provincial school, it does not measure up for a school in a metropolitan city like Dortmund in its densely populated industrial environment. As a former pupil in the school for the deaf in Stettin some forty years ago, Mr. Waldow is led to look for something far better.

It is interesting to note that in the birthplace of the kindergarten — Ger-

many — there are few kindergartens in German schools for the deaf, and the schools are clamoring for the establishment of kindergartens and the extension of pre-school training.

A camp for deaf youths was conducted last summer at Ruedesheim with a deaf teacher in charge. Pupils of different schools engaged in athletic contests such as football, swimming, and other sports.

*Dovebladet*, the official organ of the Danish Association of the Deaf, has published an interesting account of the Trondheim Cathedral, the oldest and most beautiful of Norwegian churches. Of special interest to the deaf is the fact that much of the sculptured work on the cathedral during the past half century has been done by two deaf sculptors, Thore Skporestad, who retired several years ago after 44 years of service, and Josef Ankile, who celebrated his 40th anniversary as a stone mason on the cathedral in July, 1953. Both were recently presented with gold medals by the cathedral authorities.

The twelfth annual international ski tournament of the deaf was to be held at Engelburg, Switzerland, March 13 and 14, under the auspices of the Sports Club of Luzern.

The third biennial chess tournament of British deaf will be held in Belfast, Ireland, August 1-7. The German deaf will have their chess meet at Leipzig in October.

A new addition to the building of the deaf club of Walthamston, England, was opened last fall. It houses a canteen and a two-table billiard room.

The church for the deaf at Bjornsborg, Finland, was the scene of a triple wedding of the deaf recently. Pastor Brauni officiated.

The cornerstone of the Helen Keller Home for the Deaf at Tel Aviv, Israel, was laid on December 2.

Of the seventeen women participating in a recent shooting match at Wolfinswill, Aargon, Switzerland, a young deaf woman won the first prize.

Heinz von Arx, named "Fink" for short by his comrades, is the first deaf man to pass the examination as a mountain guide in Switzerland. Fink wears a red star on his right sleeve to identify him.

Augustus Fernandez, a deaf architect of the Island of Ceylon, and graduate of the School for the Deaf at Colombo, after taking a course in architecture in Kandy, is studying for a degree in architecture at Cambridge University, England.

## SWinging . . .

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their duffer talent . . . Five of the top kegless of National Capitol Deaf Bowling Association bowled in the City Tourney and from latest reports they ranked 26th among the seventy teams. The team was composed of Jose Berrios, Preston Newton, Emerson Hodge, Edwin Engelgau, and Milton Friedman . . .

For the first time in some 20 years (as we hear) the Kendall Alumni finally won over the Kendall School on the hardwood, 57-37. The local papers gave good publicity to this game, due to the fact that John Miller, Jr., Kendall's former all-time ace with a record-making 42 points last year, and Kenneth Jones, recently, played against each other . . . The present Kendall star who tied Miller's record DCCD team completed its season with 5 wins and 8 losses. Anyway, they are favored to repeat in the SEAAD tourney at Birmingham. This season the team lost the services of Steve Renick, American School star, and Roger Scott. Recent victors over our team were Bolling Field, Andrews Field, Phila SAC, Pittsburgh, and Golden Tornadoes of New York . . . Planning to attend the SEAAD Tourney are John Penn, Vera York, Preston Newton, and the Myron Lees.

## OKLAHOMA . . .

Three teams from Oklahoma have joined the Southwest Athletic Ass'n of the Deaf and were to take part in the SWAAD Basketball Tournament in Dallas, Texas, March 5 and 6, with the Dallas Club playing host. Teams were to come from Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Sulphur. Let's have one of our own win the regional championship and the right to represent the SWAAD at Kansas City on April 1-2-3.

The Sulphur-Pauls Valley Clubs held a joint meeting in the gym at the Oklahoma School December 12th and the affair was quite enjoyable with the ladies bringing either a pie or a cake for free admission. The men, however, were not so lucky. Each and every one of them had to pay a penny admission for each inch of waist line and pity the poor man with the 40-inch waist . . . he had to pay 40 cents to get in. The affair was held as a benefit for the Oklahoma Association of the Deaf under the capable leadership of Arnold Wright.

Billie Parman is flashing a diamond ring on her third finger. The lucky man is Jim Sharp-ton of Baltimore, Md. Jim flew down to Oklahoma City during the Christmas holidays to pop the fatal question to Billie and accompany her to Elk City to spend Christmas with her family.

Fred Atkins of California surprised his friends here by showing up in town recently. Fred was on vacation and motored to Oklahoma, his former stamping grounds.

Bernice Shedeck spent the New Year up in Wichita, Kansas, as the guest of Doris Mae Heil.

Anxiously awaiting a visit from the stork are Mr. and Mrs. Keith Renshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Fisher, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Millwee.

Crystal Lemmings, a student at the Oklahoma School was tendered a surprise bridal shower by her many friends recently and announced that she and Gerald Bock were to be married January 31.

Another engagement ring which caught our eye the other day was the one worn by Cherene Shadid. Clyde Clark presented Cherene with the stone January 9th. Cherene is a junior at Classen High School in Oklahoma City and we foresee a June wedding.

Johnnie Watson and Charles Braden were married in a ceremony performed at the courthouse in Sulphur January 23. The young couple hope to depart for California by summer and make their home in the West.



Basketball fans really had fun January 23 at the Oklahoma Silent Club vs. Sulphur game. The Oklahoma City Club won by beating Sulphur 54-44 in a hotly contested game.

Vollie and Richard Hay are back in Oklahoma City but they do not promise that they will remain. Friends were happy to see them and are hoping that they do not return to Kentucky.

## ILLINOIS . . .

The Werner A. Schultz recently moved into their new home on West Newport Avenue just before New Year's Eve. This is a lovely four-room house with the hallway right in the center so that every room runs into it . . . The John Anthony Kellys also bought a house near Irving Park and Austin. They moved in about the first of the year, too.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Fred G. Fancher, who died last November 28 at the Passavant Hospital, Jacksonville Illinois. Fred had been a housefather of the school for the deaf prior to his fatal illness. He had left the school during the World War II boom to make his fortune in Akron, Ohio. Fred had formed and directed the famed I.S.D. band from 1923-1942, winning honors all over the state of Illinois!

George Herbert Putnam, a member of the Illinois School faculty, passed away at Bunker Hill, Ill., last August 18. He was 88 years old. He had retired in 1943. His career as a teacher

for the deaf totalled 56; 35 of these years were at the Illinois School for the Deaf.

Mrs. Anne Morton passed away quietly January 8. The Rev. A. G. Leisman paid a tribute to her at his January 17 mass at the All Angels' Parish.

Stork notes: Max and Dianne Spanjer became the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy last January 28. The Percy Burris' became the parents of a girl, February 20.

New car owners: Sam Golin purchased a '53 Bel Air PowerGlide Chevrolet; the Warshawks a '54 Bell Air PowerGlide, too; Joseph Shaw, a standard '54 Chevrolet; Nathan Futterman, a '54 Plymouth.

William Suttka made a hurried trip to Danville, Kentucky, to be with his mother, Sarah, who sustained a broken hip while descending the stairs at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Wofford, in Danville, January 17.

The Rev. W. Ferber spent December 1 and 2 in Chicago visiting his aged mother . . . Frieda Meagher was in the hospital due to an old ailment for a few days the second week of January. At this writing, she is up and about and as good as ever . . . The hearing daughter of the Horace Roys, formerly of New Orleans, Louisiana, now of Chicago, is all smiles. Reason! Her hubby has received his army discharge after having been in Germany the last two years. They now have a nice, comfy apartment in Chicago.

The Chicago Division Number One officers for 1954 are: Celia Warshawsky, president (reelected); Mrs. LeRoy Davis, vice-president; Emma Hazel Freeman, secretary (reelected), and Marion (Terry) Feeley, treasurer.

Maxine Linson, the Forrest Reids, the William Suttaks and Mrs. Augusta Lorenz were up in Milwaukee January 31 to attend the Episcopal Mass. Mrs. Frieda Meagher gave an interesting talk about her European trip. A movie was shown also. After this came a wonderful steak dinner to end this very nice evening.

The Chicago Chapter of the Illinois Association of the Deaf held its quarterly meeting at the Chicago Club of the Deaf January 29. There were interesting talks and a program. Recently, the Illinois Association of the Deaf put on a bazaar managed by Regina Vedrine and Henry Crocetti and when the evening was over a \$1,000 profit was realized for the Home for the Aged Deaf in Evanston!

Additions to Chicago's ever-increasing deaf population: Alice Flint of Delavan, Wisconsin, and Robert Donoghue were married in Delavan October 31. Both are now making their home in Chicago. Bob pounds a keyboard at the Chicago Tribune. Two of the newest additions are: Marjorie Krueger, of Kulm, N.D., and Louise McCormick, of Kentucky. Both are blondes!

Catherine Leiter, the oldest of the Leiter girls, is now in Kobe, Japan, being a branch manager for a large London export firm. During the war, she was recreation director for the U.S. troops and was stationed in Tokyo. In Kobe, she will be in charge of civilian sales for the London firm.

Chicago Club of the Deaf notes: The Halloween party was a huge success. Thanks go to Jennie Mastny, Anna Kersten and their capable committee . . . George Ross, the CCD artist, painted the "horn of plenty" for the Thanksgiving Social . . . The John Cummings became parents some time ago . . . Mrs. Grace Ferron and Ernest Reinhardt have announced their engagement. Wedding bells are scheduled to peal early in 1954 . . . Officers for 1954 are: Joseph Zinkovich, president; Joseph Shaw, first vice-president; Abe Migatz, second veep; John B. Davis, secretary; Tom Cain, treasurer; Walter Hodgson, financial secretary; three-year trustee, Jack Kondell; sergeants at arms, Edward McCarthy and Elias Sevik; Frank Sullivan and Leonard Warshawsky, directors.

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### SWAIM-HOLLADAY NUPTIALS

The subject of a lengthy article in a Nashville, Tennessee, newspaper was the wedding of Anna Lee Holladay to Dean Swaim. The headlines proclaimed: "8 States Represented in Unusual Wedding's Bridal Party," and "Deaf-Mute Wedding Speaks for Way of Life in U. S." Although the headlines were a little faulty, exaggerating the number of the states by one, and using the obnoxious term, "deaf-mute," the wedding was noteworthy because there were representatives from seven states in the bridal party, not to mention the fact that several more states were represented in the audience, and because the minister at the wedding, Bro. Gordon H. Turner, wrote the newspaper account himself.

These facts go to show how popular the bridal couple were. Their friends were glad to come long ways to witness the ceremony at Lawrence Avenue Church of Christ, Nashville, Tennessee, in late afternoon on the day after Christmas. The wedding was the culmination of a Gallaudet College romance between two classmates. Ever faithful to each other, they were determined to be married right after graduation last

June. However, a lack of a job prospect at time of graduation forced the postponement of the wedding to Christmas time.

Attending Anna Lee was her sister, Miss Charlotte Holladay, the maid of honor, who came from Michigan. Her other sister, Miss Mary Ellis Holladay, of Nashville, and Miss Teruko Kubotsu, of Bakersfield, California, now a Senior at Gallaudet College, were the bridesmaids.

Assisting Dean were his best man, Donald M. Bullock, of Santa Monica, California, and now a teacher at West Virginia School for the Deaf, and his ushers, Frank Turk, of Hibbing, Minnesota, now a teacher and coach at Kendall School, Washington, D. C., and Royal S. Teets, of Salem, Oregon, a student at Gallaudet College.

Little Gary Dauberman was the ring-bearer, and Sherry Golden and Patsy Dauberman were the flower girls.

Anna Lee made her own wedding gown of white slipper satin with the skirt ending in a short train, and she also made the red ballerina length bridesmaid dresses as well as the white dresses with red sashes for the flower girls.

The groom, Dean Swaim, of Chowchilla, California, made quite a swath through his college days with his artistic ability, splendid leadership, and athletic prowess, as his several letters and medals will testify, and graduated with a science major, along with the bride. Anna Lee Holladay, who also majored in science. She left a fine record on the girls' side, too, being a good athlete and clever in home economics.

The couple are making their home in Omaha, Nebraska, just across the river from Iowa School for the Deaf, where Dean is a teacher and coach, and where Anna Lee is also a teacher.

—LEO M. JACOBS

### Swinging . . .

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Some time ago, two deaf men were honored for their 50 years membership in the Electrical Workers Union Local 713 (Chicago). These were Clarence Hayman and William Bishoff. At the banquet both were given wrist watches and diamond lapel pins and a handsome scroll. They had been employed until their retirement at the Automatic Electric Company here.

Last December, Art Shawl, Chicago's eligible bachelor drove to Akron, Ohio, for New Year's and to see his old friends and football players. During World War I, Art worked at Goodyear and played on the famous all-deaf football team which pummeled opponents right and left!

The "Treasure Den," a shop managed by Harold Libbey, was robbed of \$2,250 worth of rifles, shotguns, collectors' pistols and at least forty other items last February 14. The Libbey collectors' emporium is located at 2430 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago.

Here and there: Lowell Myers, deaf certified public accountant (CPA), has made a new conquest. Sybil Kagen, a recent graduate of the University of Illinois, and Lowell marched to the altar some time back . . . The Jerry Roberts, of Miami are the proud parents of a baby boy tipping the scales at 8 pounds. Both parents hail from sunny Miami, Florida . . . Bachelor-boy Alan Wilson came up with the surprise-of-the-year in announcing his engagement to popular Joan Douglas. The wedding date will come sometime in the fall . . . The American Lip Readers enjoyed their 12th Anniversary banquet January 30. A seven-course Italian dinner and a great program left all the members contented and eager for continuous success of the club. Ralph Hinch, jr. retained the proxy post for the year . . . Bill (Moose) Schyman, former De Paul University cage star, is now playing with the Washington Generals, a touring basketball outfit. Next season, he will play for the pro Baltimore Bullets, of the National Basketball Association . . . George Briseln was in the hospital with a bad case of ulcers for about a month . . . We were sorry to hear of the passing of Charles Russy's father . . . Christ Mezilson and his committee should be commended for the job well done. These fellows managed the Christmas party for the members of Chicago Division No. 106 and their little ones before the high holiday.

### ARIZONA . . .

Donald Neumann is trying his hand at news writing. He would appreciate it if the residents in the state of Arizona would send news to him — Box 1071, Tucson, Arizona. He can also be reached at the School for the Deaf and the Blind. Angela Watson is quite a helpful feeder of news so she is Don's assistant.

The world's largest electronic plant, Hughes Aircraft, in Tucson, Arizona, has hired a few deaf people — Armond Ronstadt, Ernesto Quijada, Elwin Slade, and Glen Cluff. Let's hope they will hire more soon.

The Arizona State School for the Deaf and the Blind has several deaf members on the staff. Miss Carney is the oldest, having been here 29 years. She is the intermediate boys' supervisor.

Mrs. James Timney, nee Irene Iverson, and Mr. Donald Neumann tie for being the next oldest, as they have been here 11 years. Mrs. Timney is the home economics teacher and part time academic instructor. Mr. Neumann is an instructor in woodworking, head of the Photography club, and movie operator.

Miss Maybelle Johnson has been a supervisor of the older deaf girls for six years.

Mr. Earl Rogerson, here 4 years, teaching printing, drivers' education, and Scoutmaster.

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Mrs. Angel Acuna, nee Darlene Darrah, her first year here, teacher in the academic department of the deaf.

Mexican dinner, managed by Irene Downs, assisted by Eleanor Jordan, was served to the club members on January 30. It was enjoyed by all. Such delicious eating! We want more!

Mrs. Mabel Morgan resigned her position at the Arizona State School for the Deaf and Blind in Tucson, where she was employed for six years. She is now a supervisor for girls in

St. Augustine, Florida.

Miss Angela Watson comes to us at the school from Berkeley, California—Austin, Texas. She took over Mrs. Morgan's position as dining room supervisor and part time teacher. Some traveling!!!

Mrs. Edith Hayes had to quit her position at the school on account of illness. Her age belies that lovely elderly lady for she is well known for her quick wit and cheerful attitude.

Haze Davis is now at Arizona State School for the Deaf and Blind taking over Mrs. Hayes' position as relief supervisor of both intermediate and advance girls alternately. Tucson's gain is Austin's loss. We are happy to have

a nice addition to the deaf colony in Tucson.

Jack Craven tried to do a little flying but soon found out that he could not overcome the force of gravity. He fell off a scaffold while working in October. The floor he fell on was not quite soft enough. The result? A broken hip. Still hops on crutches. Expects to be back on the job about March or April Fool's Day.

Frank and Beverly Sladek had a blessed event November 22, 1953. It's a girl, Donna Adelle Sladek. Frank's sister, Mary Aghabalian, of San Francisco, came up to help out.

Earl Rogerson was presented an award for three years' service as Scoutmaster at the school by the Catalina Council of Tucson.

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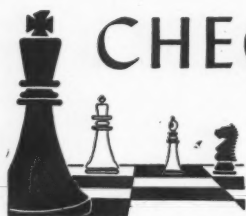
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# CHECKMATE!

By  
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## Jacques Mendelsohn

By J. F. Font

This in condensed form is the chess story of Jacob (Jacques) Mendelsohn, in age and experience the senior of New York's once famed Three Chess Musketeers. Born in the town of Alsó-Bölkény, Hungary (now Romania) on July 8, 1897, Jacques is a product of the Kolozsvár School for the Deaf, where he learned to play the Royal Game at the age of eleven. During the years of the first World War, while learning the art of printing at Budapest, he also was developing a reputation as a fine soccer player. Later in 1922, this reputation was to cause the French deaf to offer him a position in Paris as coach in this sport. And, much later when he was living in New York, he was to play for a year on the famous Hakoah soccer team. He stayed at Paris, the "City of Light," for more than ten years, and played on the deaf French team in match games with teams in the German towns of Nuremberg, Augsburg and Frankfurt, in Brussels, Lyons, Bordeaux, Marseilles, and even Algiers. He also played chess in some of these cities when opportunity was afforded him.

Jacques' first visit to the U. S. was in 1930. Returning in 1932 to marry Miss Ida Savage, he eventually became a U. S. citizen.

His chess style, as with that used by the other two Musketeers, was characterized by an aggressive defense combined with a good offense. Affectionately called "Little Nimzovich," after the Russian chess genius, for his bizarre and arbitrary handling of the openings, he also excelled in the middle game and the ending. He never learned how to annotate a game which probably is why he had the ideal mental attitude for play and could overcome strong hearing players; he simply played the board and was not awed by "names." But, sad to say, this is why the many brilliancies he created on the chessboard have perished forever.

One of the most pleasant memories I have of him was the occasion of our visit with other chess enthusiasts to the Cuba Chess Club. The club champion at that time was a "name" player of great strength, one of two famous brothers, and well-known in New York chess circles. He magnanimously con-



JACQUES MENDELSON

descended to play a game with Mendelsohn, who took the lead early in the middle game, and chased his writhing opponent's King all over the board with a series of well calculated checks, winning in masterly fashion. This was Mendelsohn, the chessplayer, in his heyday.

In the N. Y. NAD Chess Tournament of 1934, he came out second with the late Mike Cohen in first place. Mendelsohn was bracketed with Font for second and third places in the 1943 Round-Robin Handicap Tournament sponsored by the Union League of the Deaf, with 30%—7% points in which he gave a rook handicap to the winner from whom he won one game and lost the other. In the past few years he has not kept up with the chess game and consequently is somewhat out of practice.

The writer of this article is gratefully indebted to Mendelsohn for having taught him the game, and I mean chess as it should be played and not "chess" as most deaf play it, without foresight and hindsight! The Royal Game has given us many happy hours as well as many headaches; as the great German Chess Grandmaster Dr. Siegbert Tarrasch has stated, "Chess, like love, like music, has the power to make men happy." Of the thousands of defeats administered to me by Mendelsohn, the accompanying game, one of the very few annotated, may become a rare collector's item to future historians interested in chess as played by the deaf. It could be entitled: "When Font was

learning his chess ABC's the hard way."

White: Mendelsohn. Black: Font  
(Played around 1930.)

Center Counter Defense

1. P-K4	P-Q4	11. BxB	NxNch
2. PxP	QxP	12. QxN	RPxB
3. P-Q4	N-QB3	13. QR-Q1	Q-B1
4. N-QB3	QxP(a)	14. N-Q5(d)	P-K4
5. B-Q3	P-QR3(b)	15. BxP	B-Q3
6. N-B3	Q-Q1	16. BxP	KR-R2
7. O-O	B-N5	17. KR-K1ch	N-K2
8. P-KR3	B-R4	18. N-B6ch	K-Q1
9. B-KB4	N-Q5	19. RxN	RxB?(e)
10. P-KN4(c)	B-N3	20. R-K8 mate(f)	

Comments by the Chess Editor:

We are happy that Mr. Font rescued this gem from obscurity, even at the cost of its loss.

(a) First blood for Don Juan! He has the advantage in material, but what happens?

(b) Prevents 6. N-N5, but seems a wasted move.

(c) Decides to attack Black's undeveloped King side.

(d) Very powerful move. Black begins to play desperately. (e) 19 . . . KxR would mean White mates in two moves by Q-N4 check, etc. Black's best bet seems 19 . . . P-B3 to allow an escape for the King. If 20. RxB ch, KxR: 21. R-Q7ch, K-K3; 22. Q-K4 mate. So there is really no way to avoid loss of the game.

(f) A short, exciting struggle, probably played at a fast tempo. The mature, experienced Font of today must be smiling with amusement at this impetuous game. Mendelsohn proves he is a master player among the deaf, even if we never find another score.

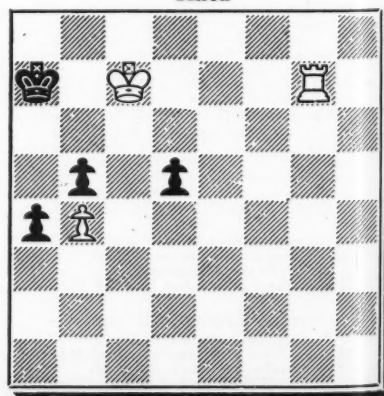
### The Chess Problem

Solution to the February Problem:

1. R-KR3, P-N6 (only move left). 2. R-R1! (A most remarkable move to enable Black to commit suicide.) Then must follow PxR and becomes a Queen (any other piece would make no difference.) White administers the coup de grace with 3. QxQ checkmate. A fiendishly clever problem which gave us many frustrating hours of work before finally solving it.

This month's problem is also a mighty clever one, but it isn't difficult:

BLACK



WHITE to play and win

# John Smith Named Top '53 Athlete

John Smith, the stellar Idaho School for the Deaf athlete who won track's double crown at the recent International Games for the Deaf held at Brussels, Belgium, last August, was our choice as "athlete of the year" for 1953.

For the first time of our participation in the Games, an American athlete captured a double win. This is a remarkable feat in itself, notwithstanding the fact the athlete represented one of the smallest populated schools for the deaf ever to attend the International Games for the Deaf.

Below is an article about John Smith written by Thomas O. Berg, director of athletics at the Idaho School for the Deaf, to whom the school and the deaf of the nation will always owe a debt of gratitude for making a track star out of John Smith. The article first appeared in *The Optimist* for November 1953:

Magnificent *Stade du Heysel*, Brussels, Belgium, was the scene of this unbelievably spectacular drama on the dreary, rainy afternoon of August 18, 1953. 3000 sports-loving partisans were gripping their seats in suspended anxiety awaiting the outcome of the 200-meter dash final of the Seventh International Games for the Deaf. Of the six finalists warming up near the starting line, there were two Americans, one a lithe, graceful, clean-cut athlete of nineteen, and the other an Eagle Scout from Alabama.

Six thousand eyes were focused on the sprinters as they went to their marks, some with apparent calmness, the others with great nervous anxiety. The official Games starter made a series of distinct signals to which the fine athletes responded with a last-second push against their starting blocks as the gun went off. Away went the contestants along their designated lanes, their spike-shoed feet reaching out in long, sprinting strides and their arms pumping vigorously. A stiff wind was angling across the stadium oval and this made it wholly miserable for the human comets. This "break" forced them to sprint with little or no concern to their physical limits.

Down at the finish line were stationed a group of judges, holding precision

tenth-second time pieces in their hands and keeping their trained eyes glued on the white yarn stretched straight across the track and directly above the lime-marked line indicating the finish point of the race. On and on came the runners; at their head was our lithe American, his strained face showing the punishment his body was absorbing as a result of the terrific pace he had been setting. Now, the timers leaned forward, anticipating a record clocking as the pace setter streaked over the final white strip in a typical Frank Meriwell story-book finish, four meters ahead of the runnerup, a fine British lad.

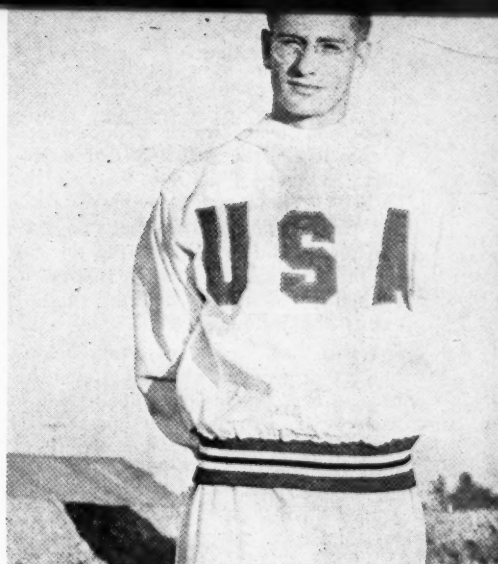
There was a moment's respite as the timers compared clockings. An official standing nearby consulted with the head timer from whom he received the official times of the finishers. He then walked down to the end of the stadium where another judge awaited him. This judge glanced at the sheet containing figures and translated the results of the race onto cards which he inserted in slotted margins of the huge bulletin board, the cards signifying the names and times of the contestants. A tumult rose as the fans read the results:

## 200-Meter Final

1. JOHN SMITH, U.S.A. ....23.5 s.
2. W. Choat, Great Britain .....23.9 s.
3. R. Cantrelle, France .....24.0 s.
4. C. Irvine, Great Britain .....24.1 s.
5. B. Onderdonk, U.S.A. ....24.7 s.
6. G. Zamvow, Germany .....24.3 s.

"Impossible!" "Impossible!" gasped the track partisans. "It is a double for that American, Smith! And to think he beat the cream of the Europeans by four-tenths of one second, too!"

This may sound a bit startling to the reader, for John Smith also did the impossible feat of capturing the 400-meter final ONLY ten minutes prior to the 200-meter final. In the 400-meters the lone American, Smith and four other finalists were forced to buck a strong head wind which had just come up early in the afternoon. Ironically, John was the only 400 man entered in the 200 final, and this knowledge added a heavy burden on him in terms of conserving energy for the equally important 200-meters. Due to inclement weather, the Games officials decided that



HE'S TOPS—John Smith was named Athlete of Year for 1953. The uniform John wore to the International Games for the Deaf is an exact duplicate of the type worn by the American team at the Olympics held at Helsinki, Finland. The picture was taken on the Gooding (Idaho) High School athletic field before John's departure for Europe last summer.

only a ten-minute warm-up period would be allowed the 400-meter contestants as they trotted out on the stadium. Normally, at least thirty minutes of gradual warming up was sufficient to ready John for his 440-yard races on American soil, however, he was at the present time concerned with the driving wind and threatening sky.

As the starter's gun sounded, all five finalists left their blocks and sprinted like mad attempting to gain a commanding lead over their rivals. At the fifty-meter mark, Smith was running at least seven meters ahead of the nearest European. He built this lead to ten meters holding this margin the rest of the race. Without losing any of his graceful body lean, he breasted the tape in an apparently record-breaking performance. Results of this race were:

## 400-Meter Final

1. JOHN SMITH, U.S.A. ....53.1 s.
2. G. Engstrom, Sweden .....54.2 s.
3. H. Horn, Germany .....54.9 s.
4. I. Passi, Finland .....55.1 s.
5. L. Williams, Great Britain .....55.2 s.

In summing up Smith's Games achievements, he won the 200- and 400-meter dashes, besides anchoring the American 400-meter relay team to fifth place. In this relay race, the Americans had only three first rate sprinters and were obliged to use the services of one of the younger American non-participants. Most certainly, it would have been a different outcome had there been another better-than-average runner to round out the American quartet.

Herein lie the finest qualities of John's athletic potentialities. The night preceding the track finals, John had played his heart out for the American



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basketball team which had trounced France to the tune of 48-39 for consolation honors. The fact that all the basketball games had been played on a *CONCRETE* floor only makes one wonder how it could have been possible for Smith to regain his strength in time to be ready for the gruelling running events the following day.

What, then, is the real story behind Smith's prowess in track? Perhaps this can be best answered if the reader is carried six years into the past when John was a scrawny, adolescent of thirteen, one in whom the writer saw almost no latent athletic possibilities. Except for a pair of fairly developed legs, he was anything but an athlete. As the years went by, he was slowly developing physically and mentally, and ran in grade and junior high school track meets, besides playing basketball, touch football, and softball. Up to that time, he was merely a dash man, with no apparent future outstanding success. How he chanced to try out for the 440 yard dash in one of his first high school meets cannot be recalled, however, his first race at that distance revealed a hidden reservoir of endurance when he came out second in a field of nearly fifteen seasoned 440 men. Following this discovery he was put to work with I.S.D. quarter-milers such as

Dan Funk, Roy Burns, and others, and it was not long before he was able to make patent success. Soon after this, he simply lacked the necessary competition to sharpen his "kick."

By the time he was fifteen, John had done a 11.7 century and a 57.1 quarter-mile. While these performances were not too sensational, he was definitely on the road to ultimate success. The following year, it was decided to develop his endurance by putting him thru a sprinter's training period, most of the work of which included repeated 220's daily.

During his third year of interscholastic competition, John made tremendous strides toward attaining near perfection in his running gait and the use of his arms in relation to running. His first outstanding performance was accomplished at the annual Rupert Relays. Rupert, where top athletes of southern Idaho vied for individual and team honors. He was easily the most outstanding runner at that meet, winning the 220 in 23.7 and placing in the 440 in the fine time of 54.8. Ironically, there were twenty-odd entrants in the quarter-mile, which necessitated running off two 440 heats, with the athletes posting the best winning time declared the winner. Smith ran in the second heat against his nemesis, the wind,

which deprived him of a far better clocking. Fortunately for the first heat contestants, there was a slight breeze, and it had little or no effect on the eventual winner who posted a 53.7 clocking. Rupert is well noted for its unpredictable spring weather, so it is little wonder that some of the finest athletes had to be hampered by the erratic wind.

Nevertheless, Smith went on to snare a double at the district meet two weeks later, doing the furlong in 23 flat and the quarter in 53.8. The following Saturday night, he gave a miserable performance at the state meet at Boise, coming home fourth in the 440 after having led all the way until he was about fifty yards from the finish line. Perhaps the night air did not agree with him, for his legs tightened at this point, and the sudden experience had a bad effect on his final fight for the tape. Although he had qualified for the 220 finals earlier in that meet, he figured his chances of winning were none too good. As it turned out, he wound up sixth and last in the final event of the night meet.

When the 1952 track season finally rolled around, John went back to work with a far different outlook on his favorite sport. He was determined to outdo all his previous performances. Despite his fine all-around attitude toward running, he still had the tendency to get off his blocks rather too late to assure himself of certain victories in the 100-yard dash at future meets. Finally, after weeks and weeks of patient practice on starting, he soon got off his marks with the best, and this gave him invaluable confidence in himself.

It was again at Rupert that he had another bad day, pulling a thigh muscle in winning a 220 heat in 23.3. Following a careful examination of his injured leg, it was decided to keep him off his feet as long as possible before his favorite event the 440-yard dash came up. Smith, after some deliberating, decided that he would attempt to enter the event, and that if he felt any worse he would withdraw from it. Due to a mix-up in the announcement of event time schedules, he returned to the track too late to take part in the drawing of lots. Finally, he had to accept the 15th lane, which was the only one available. At the flash of the gun, all runners were off, yet it was not long before John inched ahead and left the entire field behind by running effortlessly and without extending himself. Looking back at the oncoming pack as he neared the finish tape, he knew that he was "in." In breasting the tape, the timers caught him in 53.9 seconds, his best effort up to that time.

In spite of his winning effort at the Rupert Relays, the damage had been done. Ahead of John lay days of ab-

## Deafdom's Sports Album . . . CAGE STARS IN 1930



The talk of basketball exactly 24 years ago this month, in 1930, was the championship basketball team of the Kansas School for the Deaf. This team surprised everybody by taking the Southern Schools for the Deaf basketball tournament held at Little Rock, Ark., defeating Texas, 27-23; Oklahoma, 22-15, and Arkansas in finals, 20-17, and was adjudged National champion. Left to right in the picture are, standing: Coach Edward Foltz, Wendell Willey, Ernest Ellison, Luther Stack, Orville Ingle, John Benedict, and seated, Albert Stack, John Tompkins, John Dinkel (Captain), Ernest McGuire, Thomas Scofield. (Photo courtesy of Wendell Willey)



solite rest so that his injured member would have a better-than-average chance to heal. Upon resuming practice ten days later, great care was taken to assure him not to engage in any heavy workouts until he had recovered full use of his leg. With the annual I. S. D. invitational meet coming up, he was shifted to the 100 and the 800-yard run in hopes of relieving the strain on the pulled muscle. He surprised everyone by winning both events, the century in 10.3, and the half-time in 2.07.7. Both times were excellent in view of the fact that very few athletes had approached these clockings up to that time.

The following Saturday, Smith repeated his winning ways by copping both the 220 and the 440 at the district meet. His quarter-mile was a dramatic performance in that he won going away by nearly twenty yards in 51.1 seconds, a new district record. Half-an-hour later he came back to edge his old rival, Bill Bauscher, in the furlong in 23.6. In this race, he re-injured his muscle. It was, unfortunately, the same old story at the state meet the following Saturday when he wound up fourth in the 440 for the second consecutive year. Again, his leg had "acted up" leaving him without his old sprinting speed.

Early in January, a letter, containing invaluable information with regard to the coming Seventh International Games of the Deaf at Brussels, was received by the writer. The sender was S. Robey Burns of Chicago and former coach of the Illinois School for the Deaf at Jacksonville. Burns is also present chairman of the American Athletic Association of the Deaf "Olympic" team. No time was lost in sending a reply to Burns regarding an exceptional sprinter-middle distance man in whom Burns would be very much interested. Months and months of continuous correspondence between the Chicagoan and the writer gave way to planning ways and means of sending Smith to the Brussels Games. A fund-raising drive, initiated by the Idaho Association of the Deaf and the Idaho Athletic Club of the Deaf, swelled to a concluding \$968 in a matter of a few months. Countless individuals and civic organizations donated sizable sums toward making the fund drive a success.

In the meantime, John had resumed training, and as the season progressed he entered two all-important meets, one the Brigham Young Relays at Provo in April, and the other the Intermountain Amateur Athletic Union meet at Salt Lake City on Memorial Day. In the relays meet, he ran in the special 880-yard run, coming out fifth to the eventual winner, Malvin Whitfield, the two-time Olympic Games 800-meter champion. Smith still continued to make a

fine showing in the Memorial Day affair when he placed third in the 440-yard dash in running against top-flight college men, one of whom was the Skyline Conference champion at 48.6.

McCall, Idaho was the scene of John's summer-long training period. Through the cooperation of the local golf course management, he was permitted to run on the turf in the mornings. The springy grass was greatly beneficial in that it took all the kinks out of Smith's cinder-weary legs. Of course, his ambition was to win the 200- and 400-meter dashes in the European meet, and this led to an obsession on his part to drive himself to perfection. He was not willing to "go easy" in his training routine for fear of losing his greatest physical assets — speed and endurance. Prior to his departure for European soil, he ran a couple of speed trails with rather impressive clockings. These helped put him in top shape for his assault on the Deaf "Olympics" 200- and 400-meter records.

The rest of John's individual achievements is history. Of the 34 points netted by the American contingent of eight athletes in track, tennis, swimming, and basketball, he garnered an unheard-of 22. In addition, he had made it seem relatively easy in capturing two 200-meter heats and a 400-meter preliminary, winning the 200 in 23.9 and 23.6 while running at nine-tenths speed, and the 400 in 53.6 with no apparent effort to push himself. There is no telling as to the outcome of his final performances had there been no wind and had he decided against competing in basketball.

The Europeans were greatly impressed by his beautiful running and by his confidence in his ability to succeed against gigantic odds. He was perhaps the hardest trainee on the practice field because he knew that the way to success was the result of hard work. Perhaps his greatest single attribute is his sense of sportsmanship, for he easily won the spectators' acclaim during the U.S.A.-France consolation basketball game when he fouled out midway in the third period and accepted the official's decision with nary a complaint.

A splendid future looms ahead of John. If he is willing to apply himself toward his high school lessons as he has done in track, then he will be in an excellent position to make good at the school of his choice — Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C. We are looking forward to the day when he finally brings athletic prominence to Gallaudet, the parent institution of higher learning for the deaf. We are also hoping that whatever his future success may be, he will always remember the school to which he has brought much distinction — Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind.

## D.C.D.G.A. SPONSORS FOURTH ANNUAL OPEN

At its annual meeting, held December 6, 1953, in Kendall Hall at Gallaudet College *The District of Columbia Deaf Golfers Association* conducted an election of officers and committees. The D.C.D.G.A. also endorsed sponsorship of the Fourth Annual Open to be held on Friday, June 25, along with other parts of an ambitious program for 1954.

Elected as president of the association and Executive Board was Joseph O. Broz, of Washington, D.C., Robert Panara, of Hyattsville, Md., ascended the vice-president's chair. Richard O. Wright, of Hyattsville, Md., became secretary, while Henry Buzzard, of Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C., was entrusted with the office of treasurer.

The D.C.D.G.A. is in its fourth year of organization. However, the association was formally chartered and recognized by unanimous ratification and adoption of its newly drafted Constitution and By-Laws.

President Joseph Broz appointed the Executive Board and Leonard Lau, of Washington, D.C., and William P. Hill, of Hyattsville, Md., to serve as the tournament committee.

Also appointed by Pres. Broz to serve as the auditing committee were the Executive Board and Byron Baer, of Chevy Chase, Md.

The D.C.D.G.A., spearheaded by ever-diligent Pres. Broz, will sponsor its Fourth Annual Open tournament in conjunction with Gallaudet College's 90th Anniversary reunion plans during the week of June 23-27.

The 90th Anniversary reunion is the 22nd Alumni Reunion of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association commemorating the founding of Gallaudet College in 1864.

It is the D.C.D.G.A.'s hopes that the Fourth Annual Open will be the biggest golfing event of the deaf ever held in metropolitan Washington area. IT'S JUNE 25!

The tournament is open to all interested deaf golfers, men or women, alumni or non-alumni, upon application to the treasurer, Henry Buzzard.

The Fourth Annual Open plans are not yet completed. Announcement of the detailed program will be made immediately after all details are studied and completed.

All communications and inquiries may be sent to President Joseph O. Broz, 1630 Park Road N.W., Washington, D.C., or Secretary O. Wright, 2730 74th Ave., Kent Village, Hyattsville, Maryland. — RICHARD O. WRIGHT

# Carl Lorello's Jinx is . . . ACE DANNY FINE

By Alexander Fleischmann

WITH THE FIREPLACE ablaze while the ramparts of a dreary rainy day play echoes on the window-panes — deep fall and the season of basketball is here again. At such state it is more fun curling up in the favorite chair amid pipe, tobacco and slippers and glancing over the record book about the game invented by Dr. James Naismith in 1891 and of the deaf in this sport.

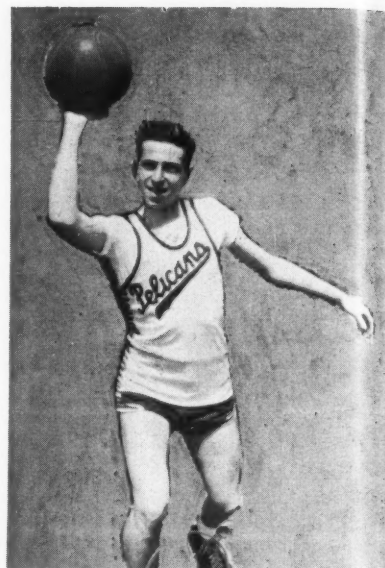
What hits our fancy is that, according to the records, New York State in the past 50 years has reared and produced the longest list of deaf hardwood immortals, as compared with other states, and still does. The memories of the fierce battles between the Lexington and Fanwood schools for the deaf, the Silent Separates, Union League of the Deaf, Hebrew Association of the Deaf, Buffalo Club of the Deaf and several others are still clear, yet sweet by-gones. Ardent followers of the game will recollect such aces as Thomas Hunt, Joseph Worzel, Otto Jelinek, Hyman Gordon, Nathan Herlands, Leo Berzon, Maurice Moster, Benjamin Shafraneck, Sam Cohen, Arthur Enger, Roselle Ackerman, Harry Grossinger, Ben Israel, Isadore Friedman, Joseph Stoller, Harry Gutschneider, Christopher Bradley, Frank Lux, Nathaniel Echols, Stanley Nabozny, Russell Sheak and Thomas Kolenda. Lately Carl Lorello and Hugo Guidi have been setting the hardwood on fire in their campaigns. The newest cage idol in the Empire State is Danny Fine of Brooklyn, N. Y. For the past two years this nineteen-year-old youngster has sparked on the court in such a manner as to give Carl Lorello and

his Golden Tornadoes plenty of goose-pimples.

Danny is a full-blooded city-slicker, born in the Bronx, August 25, 1934. He secured his education at P.S. 47, Manhattan, a day school for the deaf, from which he graduated in June 1950. Presently he is a senior at Straubmuller Textile High School in New York City and majors in office work and accounting. He has high hopes of entering this field of work after receiving his diploma this June, 1954. Fine comes from a business family whose father is a hotel proprietor in Miami Beach, Florida. The only athletic background in the family leads to an older brother, who is an excellent set artist. Danny learned this trick when he was ten years old.

Fine shot his first basket at P.S. 47 some seven years ago. After four seasons of polishing up his shooting eye, he was all set for a record making and a noted basketball career. In 1950, 72 tallies were made in a single game to break the school district record. And when we speak of New York City and its vast number of public and high schools, we seriously consider this an exceptional mark. Those who have set eye on the pint-size gym at his day school some twenty years ago will surely find a big change these days. As progress is made elsewhere, physical education is being taught in a standardized gym erected a short number of years back and has taken an active routine.

After completing P.S. 47, Fine played a few games for the Brooklyn Association of the Deaf and then joined the Pelicans Club of the Deaf in 1951 to



This is Danny Fine, one of deafdom's coming all-time cage greats. Currently, Danny has a scoring rate of 30 points per game. The 6-foot 1-inch New York City ace sharpshooter last year tossed in 1,204 points in 400 games against both deaf and hearing high school teams for a fabulous 30 point per game average, which is likely to stand for many years to come. In one game Fine plunked in 52 points. He is only 19 years old, but he's a big cog in the Pelicans Club of the Deaf cage team which may some day represent the East in the AAAD National Basketball Tournament.

become its top rating ace. The Pelicans team was established by a group who split up with the Naismith Social and Athletic Club and has since been the team to beat in New York City.

While his love for the sport was so great, Danny did not hesitate to join the varsity team of Textile High School, for which he turned in creditable performances. This season he was chosen captain of the team, the first deaf cager to be awarded the captaincy at a hearing high school in New York City. Danny has the utmost praise from his coach. This letter, dated October 7, 1953, from Coach Gelman speaks for itself:

Danny Fine lives up to his name — he is a fine player both on defensive and offensive. For the past three years he has been very popular with his teammates and highly regarded by many basketball officials. He generates the spark that "drives" the team. He has the will to win. He plays hard and fast — aggressive, foxy and hustling. Many of our hard won victories, especially the close games of one or two point difference, can be attributed to Fine's accuracy in goal shooting.

Some credit is due to Danny's teacher, Miss Sherry, who encouraged him to try out for the team. And while you are handing out

Danny Fine is No. 5 in this photo of 1952-53 Textile High School basketball team. This season he is captain of this New York City five and is the first deaf cager ever to captain a hearing high school team.





orchids, don't overlook Mr. Daniel Alperin, chairman of the Health and Physical Education Department. Because of his interest in boys and his love for sports — he spares no effort to encourage boys to join teams. I believe that Danny Fine in no small way profited greatly from the personal interest and fine advice from a master craftsman of sports, Mr. Daniel Alperin.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) SAMUEL GELMAN (Coach)

Fine has made several outstanding records worthy of being pointed out. In the 1951-52 season he scored 302 points in 12 games for the Pelicans against clubs of the deaf opponents. This calls for an average of more than 25 points per game. For both the Pelicans and Textile High he made 764 markers against both deaf and high school teams. At a Pelicans-Paterson (N.J.) Silents encounter he became the first 50-point man among the all-time New York City deaf cagers garnering 51 points. Participating in the 1952 New York Athletic Association of the Deaf (NYAAD) basketball tournament at only 17½ years of age, Fine tied with his teammate, Alex Piacentini, contributing 23 tallies each to a 100-92 loss at the hands of the Golden Tornadoes at which Hugo Guidi and the Lorello brothers (Carl and Tom) sank in 29, 26 and 28 points respectively. For his impressive ball handling which was a revelation that kept the Pelicans in the race till the final gun, Fine was unanimously voted the most valuable player award and elected to the first All-Tournament team.

Taking the game seriously, Danny made a great improvement in the 1952-53 season with 452 goals in 15 games for an average of more than 30 points per game for the Pelicans. In a total of 40 games against both deaf and high school teams, he basketed 1,204 tallies. Three new records were set by him at the NYAAD cagefest in 1953: 52 points in one game, 16 points in foul throws in one game and 20 field goals in one game. Added to his laurels are one most improved player award, two all-tournament team trophies, and made second team All-American club of the deaf basketball player in the *National Basketball Star* in 1953.

Reviewers say he is a good dribbler; his favorite is dribble and then jump shot — just like most college cagers do in New York City. At 6 feet 1 inch and weighing 175 pounds, he is a good looking boy. They also like his form when making a set shot.

Danny has future visions for the basketball sport and due to his youth he has many exciting campaigns to encounter. He is broadminded about the sport and to our inquiry as to any suggestions for the improvement of the game among clubs of the deaf, he feels that an East-West All-Star basketball contest should be held annually in order to stimulate the game.

## The Answer Box

This department is conducted by Bernard Bragg, School for the Deaf, Berkeley, California

### Question for this month:

**If you were not deaf, what occupation do you think you would have chosen?**

If it were not for my deafness, I would have chosen flying as my career.

Ever since I was a boy, I always got a thrill from watching the planes fly by. Many a time I dreamed of the day when I would be flying up in the blue yonder, even though I did not know that my deafness would some day shatter all my dreams.

After completing two years of college with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautics, I would enlist in the Air Force at least 15 years or more.

Upon my retirement I would fly for the Airlines for I love adventure and travel. I would fly to faraway places on the globe, or perhaps be one of the first fliers to volunteer to fly a rocketship on her maiden flight to the moon.

LYMAN EMMER,  
Culver City, California

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In this day and age, I would have no choice. Considering world events a few years past and my tender twenties, the Draft would have sucked me into the Army, and the U. S. Navy would have gone into mourning. And being in the Service at the wrong place at the wrong time could result in my "pushing up daisies." I know fellows close to my age and they can not plan their future 'til after they have "served" their duty. As a hearing person, I would lack a trade, having acquired none in the public schools — so the Army would have had to train me for KP duty.

GEORGE ATTLETWEED  
Danville, California

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The same one I am in now—teaching. I am one of those fellows who find it more rewarding to work with animate rather than inanimate. There is nothing more enriching than to watch a deaf child's over-all development and know you have a part in it. In all probability I would have chosen another occupation were I not deaf and this only causes me to realize all the joys I would have missed that I now find in my present field.

LAWRENCE NEWMAN  
Riverside, California

When I was in high school I had my handwriting analyzed and was told that I should be a secretary or hold some executive job, but I think that if I had not been deaf I would have chosen to be a nurse. When I was five and six years old I developed a great admiration for nurses while visiting my father in the hospital. At the age of seven I lost my hearing. The greatest disappointment coming from the fact that I would never hear again was the realization that I could never be a nurse.

ALBERTA DELOZIER,  
Knoxville, Tennessee

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(Editor's Note: Printed below is Michael Lapides' answer to the question of the past month in this column. "To what do you attribute your mastery of language?" Mr. Lapides was on his vacation at the time our letter was sent, and his comments reached our office way past the time the last issue was published.)

I became deaf from a bad fall around the age of one. Thanks to my education at the American School for the Deaf and Gallaudet College, and to my own efforts since then, a love of reading, reinforced by a knowledge of the principles of the sentence, paragraph and composition structure, has largely accounted for whatever command of language I may possess.

It may be well to point out that reading and writing complement each other. Every reader is not necessarily a writer but every writer must be a reader. By noting the various ways in which writers use the paragraph structure in presenting their thoughts, the reader can pick up subtle "tricks of the trade" not usually given in textbooks.

MICHAEL LAPIDES  
New Haven, Connecticut

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(Editor's Note: It is not often that we receive voluntary questions or comments for this department. However, when we do, we always acknowledge them—and this time Mrs. Grace Yovino-Young has our thanks for a most interesting thought which will be printed in this column sometime in a future number. Those interested and having something suitable for this department are urged to write to the editor of this column anytime.)



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The editorial entitled "Civil Defense" was written by Fred R. Murphy, NAD Board Member and Director of its Service Bureau, and published in the February number of the NAD NEWS-SERVICE BULLETIN. Because of its importance, and because not all members of the NAD see the N-S BULLETIN, we have reprinted most of it on the editorial page.

The NAD has been publishing the N-S BULLETIN for a year or so and sending it each month to clubs and other organizations. It contains much information pertaining to services rendered by the Association, and outlines numerous measures by which it can be helpful to clubs of the deaf.

Mr. Murphy has been writing and mimeographing the N-S BULLETIN and it has been mailed from the NAD Home Office. Hereafter, beginning with the April issue, the mimeographing and mailing will be done at the office, and the BULLETIN will be mailed to all members of the NAD, as well as to clubs. In order to offset the expense of mailing a much greater number of copies, it will be published only every other month hereafter, instead of once a month.

Mr. Murphy, one of the hardest-working members of the NAD Board, has inaugurated numerous projects by which the NAD can be helpful to smaller organizations. They are invited to take advantage of his service projects by writing to the NAD office.

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